

1898

EVENTS OF THE YEAR

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Tonight the year of 1898 will forever pass away and the new year of 1899 will begin. In looking back over the 12 months just past it is seen that many important events have taken place and much has been done which will go down in history. The new year which we enter upon tomorrow will close the 19th century and will probably bring with it many changes.

The year of 1898 in this country started peacefully, but during the 12 months between the beginning and the end a war with a foreign power was declared and successfully carried to a victorious and peaceful conclusion, and now the year closes with the same peace which prevailed when the year began. Few countries can show such a record. Moreover we begin the new year with additional territory scattered in various parts of the world and acquired by warfare. Within the one short year the country has placed itself in the position of a first class naval and military power and is respected by all nations of the world.

For several years past the country has suffered with hard times. That there is a slow but steady and healthy return of prosperity is a fact which is not disputed. Decatur was one of the last cities in this part of the state to feel the hard times and it is natural that she should be one of the last to feel the revival, but as a matter of fact for some time past there has been a recovery of business. In the past times are better and this same prosperity is gradually coming west and is being felt in business circles in this locality. While some may say that the past year has been a bad one for Decatur it cannot be truthfully said that Decatur has suffered greatly. The city has steadily progressed and much has been done in the way of improvement. The city has had many miles of paving, sidewalks and curbing, has purchased new machinery and has given employment to hundreds of men. Money has been expended by private corporations in the improvement of their plants, the farmers of the community have had a fair crop of corn and are getting better prices.

One important industry which has done much to help the city as that of the railroad business. The division offices of the Wabash superintendent being moved to this city brought with it many advantages. New families have come to Decatur to make their homes and consequently have brought with them money and more prominence to the city. The Illinois Central promises the city a new depot during the next year and while the people have looked forward to this for a good many years past it is now an assured fact that it is to be constructed in 1899. The same road will also build a new freight house south of the present one. While there has not been as much building in the city as is usual many persons have improved their residence and business properties. A new packing house, a new cereal mill and other buildings have been constructed and Decatur is promised several new industries during the coming year. When the situation is viewed from a sensible point of view the outlook on every hand is certainly an encouraging one for Decatur. During the year the city had one of the largest and most successful corn shows ever held in the state. Decatur did her part in the war by furnishing her quota of soldiers who have gone to war and returned again all within the year. We have also been honored by a visit from President McKinley and other high officials. To say that the year of 1898 was not an eventful one for Decatur would be at least unfair, and we certainly can look back with some pride on what has been accomplished. A brief summary which is given below of the doings in the various departments and institutions of the city and county during the year may be of interest now, at the time when everyone is taking their trial balance and endeavoring to ascertain on which side they stand.

**Woodmen Tonight.**  
Easterly Camp 1635 will hold a special meeting tonight for the adoption of candidates. They will be assisted by Decatur Camp 144. A large gathering of the fraternity from surrounding towns is expected to be present. Easterly camp is closing one of the most successful years in the history of the camp. The membership has been largely increased and is one of the strongest societies in the city. The degree team of this camp will go to Blue Mound to publicly install the newly elected officers at the Miller opera house on the evening of January 4.

**Went to West Baden.**  
G. W. Betzer left this morning for West Baden Springs, Ind., where he will remain for two weeks. He has not been in the best of health lately and hopes to be improved by the visit to the springs.

**Sold Their Interest.**  
A change has taken place in the Decatur Poultry Co., at 711 North Water street. Emil Strum and George Fisk have sold their interests to P. McAllister, the remaining partner. Mr. Fisk expects to go to New Orleans to accept a position. Mr. Strum has not yet decided on his future business.

**Wickoff Passed.**  
C. W. Wickoff, the undertaker, has received his certificate showing that he passed the examination required by the state board of health of all undertakers. He took the examination at Chicago a short time ago.

**Births.**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peniwal of the 700 block of North Church street, this morning, a daughter.

The amount on hand in the different funds are as follows:  
Parks ..... \$ 121.43  
Repairs on paved streets ..... 72.12  
Sidewalks and crossings ..... 2888.51  
Salary ..... 814.08  
Cleaning streets ..... 1347.81  
Public improvement ..... 2502.78  
Health ..... 506.62  
Light ..... 1186.99  
Law ..... 177.66  
Police ..... 6068.12  
Contingent ..... 316.80  
Fire department ..... 6121.72  
Water works .....  
Street and alleys .....  
Interest ..... 1500.00  
Rent ..... 1435.00

**THREE MILES OF PAVING.**  
During the year of 1898 there have been laid in the city of Decatur 16,507 feet, or about three miles of street paving, varying in width from 30 to 90 feet. The following figures given by Earle Colladay, of the city engineer's office, show the streets which were paved, the nature of the pavement, the length, contract price and total cost:  
South Main street, 1070 feet, one course brick, concrete foundation, with tar filler; contract price \$1.39 per yard; total cost \$2871.25.  
Morgan street, 2960 feet, two course brick, cement filler; contract price \$1.19, total cost \$3522.85.  
Sangamon street, 409 feet, two course brick, cement filler; contract price \$1.49 per yard, total cost \$2679.46.  
Horkimer and Jasper streets, 4113 feet, two course brick, cement filler; contract price \$1.46 per yard, total cost \$2115.61.  
Monroe and Packard streets, 3655 feet, two course brick, sand filler; contract price \$1.98 per yard; total cost \$17,371.24.  
Church street, 3271 feet, one course brick, with asphalt filler; contract price \$1.48 per yard; total cost \$20,697.63.  
West Wood street, 730 feet, two course brick, with tar filler; contract price \$1.43 per yard; total cost \$4672.01.

This makes a total cost of \$86,720.06 for the three miles of paving. In addition to the above which was done by the city, one block on East Carroll street was paved with brick and cement filled at the cost of the Decatur Brewing company. The city gave the grade and the work was done by private contract. Besides the paving which was done by the city some streets were graveled. A part of Van Dyke street was graded and graveled by the city and the rest by the township. South Franklin street for a distance of 3461 feet was graveled at a cost of \$2111.

**CURBING AND SIDEWALKS.**  
During the year there has been placed 32,185 feet of stone curbing at 31 1/2 cents, making a total cost of \$11,108.82. This money has been well expended as the appearance of the city has been greatly improved by the curbing and cement sidewalks. In the business district of the city there has been constructed about half a mile of cement sidewalks and the cost of both brick and cement sidewalks laid during the year in different parts of the city was about \$5000.

A lateral sewer was constructed in the northeast part of the city at a cost of \$250 and the big Oakland sewer, which is now being built, will cost when completed \$7150.

**WATER AND ELECTRIC PLANT.**  
Since May last \$20,000 has been paid on the water works improvement debt. Water pipes to the amount of about \$10,000 worth have been laid, and an office for the water inspector was built which, with the meter tester, other appliances and furnishings, cost about \$1000.

A great improvement has been made in the electric lighting plant of the city. Two new dynamos were purchased and the lighting capacity thereby increased. The city paid for these machines \$2875 in cash and also gave the old dynamos on which was placed a valuation of \$1200.

**IMPROVEMENT OF PARKS.**  
The park commissioners have expended since the annual appropriation last May \$1818.57 in the improvements of the public parks and they have made good use of the money. Fair-lawn park has been additionally beautified. Culverts were built and many little improvements were made to add to the comfort and pleasure of those who visit the place. The commissioners also gave their attention to Central park. Broad cement sidewalks were laid, consequently making the place much more attractive. The fountain in the center

of the park was put in order and two drinking fountains were placed for the use of the public.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY.**  
The amount of patronage at the Decatur public library during the past year has been much greater than during the year before, a fact which speaks well for the people of the city, indicating as it does that more persons are taking advantage of the educational benefits to be derived from this, Decatur's most popular institution. The library is pleasantly located on the fifth floor of the Powers block and every convenience and comfort is provided for those who visit the place and those in charge. The chief librarian, Mrs. Alice Evans has the following assistants: Miss Minnie A. Dill, Miss Charlotte Hawes, Miss Clara Abel and Miss Mabel Wayne. There are now in the library a total of 17,922 volumes. Below are given some figures which are of interest.

**CIRCULATION.**  
Total number books loaned during the year, 93,967.  
Number of visitors to reading room, 126,202.  
Total number of visitors to reading room and library, 222,169.

**COMPARISONS.**  
The increase in the business of the library is shown by the following comparative figures for the months of December of 1897 and 1898:  
Books loaned December 1897, 8774.  
Books loaned December 1898, 10,930.  
An increase of 2156.  
Visitors to reading room December, 1897, 11,498.  
Visitors to reading room December, 1898, 14,574.  
An increase of 2875.

**RE-CLASSIFIED.**  
The entire library has been re-classified, shelf listed and labeled during the past year. This necessitated the shifting of every book in the library to accord with the new classification and the undertaking was a tedious one for the librarian and her assistants. During the month of August a new charging system was introduced and has since been in successful operation.

**FIRES IN 1898.**  
The new year will see the city fire department in better condition than it ever has been before. There are now 22 men on the force, including Chief Devora, and the city owns 15 horses, two chemicals, two hose wagons, an exercise wagon, one steamer, one hook and ladder truck and one cart for the chief.

During the past year the number of fires and the amount of loss has been less than the ordinary year. The following shows the number of fires, false alarms and still alarms: January, 1 fire, 1 false alarm; February, 1 fire, 1 false alarm; March, 4 fires, 1 still alarm; April, 5 fires; May, 1 fire, 1 still alarm; June, 6 fires; July, 10 fires, 1 false alarm; August, 8 fires, 2 still alarms, 1 false alarm; September, 3 fires; October, 5 fires, 2 still alarms; November, 4 fires; December, 8 fires. Total, 59 fires in year, 4 false alarms and 6 still alarms.

In the year 1897 the department responded to 158 alarms, so it will be seen that the number of alarms during the past year, which was 69, has been less than half the number of the year previous.

**THE LOSSES.**  
The following tables shows the losses by fire in the city during 1898, the first column indicating the loss on building and the second column the loss on contents of same:

Month.	Building.	Contents.
January—no loss.		
February.....	\$140	\$209
March.....	168	211
April.....	123	93
May.....	611	500
June.....	497	116
July.....	342	802
August.....	261	83
September.....	130	18
October.....	631	370
November.....	300	600
December.....	300	600
Total.....	\$3,452	\$2,951

Total loss on buildings in 1898 was \$3652 and in 1897 loss on same by fire was \$4072.82. Total loss on contents in 1898 was \$2061, while during the year 1897 it reached \$6380.25. Both the number of fires and the amount of loss was much less in 1898 than in 1897.

**THE POOR FARM.**  
There have been received at the Maccon county poor farm during the year of 1898 45 inmates. Three have died

and 43 were discharged. There were no births, a fact which is unusual as in previous years there has always been several additions to the family. Of the 47 inmates now at the poor farm three-fifths are foreigners and two-thirds have never been married.

The asylum during the past year was painted on the outside and the roof repaired and painted. An estimate made two years ago showed that the cost of keeping an inmate at the farm for one week was 67 cents and during the past year the cost will not run above that amount. During the year there was used at the farm the following amount of necessities: Coal 135 tons, meat 4000 pounds, flour 5700 pounds, corn meal 6800 pounds, coffee 225 pounds, tea 40 pounds, salt 6 pounds, rice 400 pounds, hominy 250 pounds. Seventeen head of hogs and three head of cattle were killed for meat. During the past five years, during which time W. C. Barley has been acting as steward, there has been paid out for meat but \$17.40 in cash and that was on account of the loss by hog cholera. Mr. Barley states that he is informed that Champaign county pays out for meat each year about \$1900, Sangamon county about \$1100 and McLean county \$1700.

On the poor farm, which consists of 200 acres, there was raised during the past year 55 acres of corn, 20 acres of wheat, 25 acres of oats, 6 acres of potatoes and 2 acres of beans. For meadow 25 acres was used and the rest was in pasture. The land produced 150 bushels of apples, 250 bushels of potatoes, 555 bushels of oats, 175 bushels of wheat and 2500 bushels of corn. Since September 1, 1872, there has been admitted to the county poor farm 1976 inmates. During the same length of time 127 deaths and 62 births have occurred. The last of next March W. C. Barley's long term of office expires and the newly elected steward W. H. Kirkman will assume charge.

**YEAR AT Y. M. C. A.**  
During the past year the Young Men's Christian Association of Decatur has had its ups and downs. At the beginning of the year the association was in good shape but on account of the fact that there was no gymnasium instructor and also on account of the hard times the membership dropped off. Later, however, over 100 young men have joined the institution and the net increase has been probably 50 members. The total membership at present is about 250.

A few months ago Harry Patterson assumed charge of the place as general secretary, succeeding T. W. Stewart, who resigned. Hal Hotelling was engaged about a month ago as physical instructor and has already formed large gymnasium classes which are well attended. The fact that the gymnasium was again made an important feature of the association caused many young men to become members. There is now being considered a plan to move into larger quarters and the matter will be finally decided when the board of directors hold their meeting on January 12.

During the past year the attendance at gospel meetings has been 138, attendance at prayer meetings 195 and attendance at Bible study 62. There have been four conversions and five requests for prayers at the various meetings. Employment was found for two young men. The attendance at receptions was 670, at committee meetings 27 and 21 informal talks were made. There have been made 713 visits to the gymnasium, and an attendance at gymnasium classes of 175. The number of baths taken at the rooms was 1162. The total attendance for the year was 15,599.

**CORONER'S WORK.**  
During the past year Coroner Bondure and his deputy, Roy Bendure, have held 33 inquests. The number of sudden and accidental deaths is on the decrease. In 1897 there were 35, while in 1898 there were but 33. The various causes of the deaths which required the attention of the coroner were as follows:  
Heart disease ..... 5  
Other natural causes ..... 9  
Accidents on railroads ..... 2  
Suicides ..... 1  
Accidental poisoning ..... 2  
Lightning ..... 1  
Murder ..... 1  
Electricity ..... 1  
Unknown cause ..... 1  
Total ..... 33

The following are the names of those who within the past year met with unusual deaths, together with the cause and the date of the inquest: Mary L. Mallory, a child, January 3, strychnine poisoning accidentally obtained.

D. F. Vore, February 9, brakeman on the Wabash railroad, fell between cars one mile west of Decatur.

E. J. Crayford, February 15, hanged himself in his barn loft at Forsythe. Curtis Komp, February 18, accidentally fell under Wabash engine in Decatur yards.

Charles H. Childs, March 12, committed suicide by shooting himself with pistol while temporarily insane. Miss Willie A. Royston, March 12, suffered an attack of heart disease and fell from porch at Ewing residence.

Charles Claypool, March 25, committed suicide by stopping in front of moving train in Wabash yards at Decatur.

Joseph Smith (colored), May 2, fell under gravel train on P. D. and E. road while stealing a ride.

Daniel Seaton, May 19, died from stroke of lightning.

W. H. Robison, June 30, committed suicide by taking laudanum.

Henry J. Strouk, July 18, died from injuries received on Wabash right of way while trespassing on same.

Katie McKenzie, infant, July 25, accidentally drinking gasoline.

Clarence Tolford, August 2, murdered by Louis A. Clevenger at Sheep's Ford east of Decatur.

Seth Anett, August 24, jumped from Wabash train while beating his way.

Walter Lee, August 27, by an electric shock from a loose wire which came in contact with trolley wire.

H. Dickerson, September 2, killed by train while trespassing on P. D. and E. right of way.

Henry R. Miller, September 26, committed suicide by taking laudanum.

Unknown Man, October 17, found dead on the Allen farm, south of the city.

H. A. White, December 6, committed suicide by asphyxiation at Angle hotel at Decatur.

William A. Brooks, December 11, apoplexy, found dead in his bed.

Charles Schuch, December 29, committed suicide by shooting himself in his room.

Those who died of heart disease and natural causes:  
Mrs. E. B. Trull, January 6.  
Artemus Hawes, January 10.  
Mary S. Hughes, February 21.  
Mrs. Lauer Braden, February 22.  
Infant of Artie Owens, March 9.  
George W. Thompson, May 20.  
Mrs. Eliza Pratt, August 22.  
Infant of Lizzie Warren, October 6.  
Infant of S. Fortsch, October 20.  
Infant P. J. Hickey, November 26.  
Arthur P. Dempsey, infant, December 21.

**DEATHS IN 1898.**  
There has occurred in Decatur during the year of 1898 333 deaths. This number includes those who died out of the city and were brought to this city for burial and also those who died in the city and were buried elsewhere. The greatest number of deaths in any one month was 31 in March and the smallest number in one month was 20 in May June and December. The number of deaths each month of the year was as follows:  
January ..... 23  
February ..... 23  
March ..... 31  
April ..... 29  
May ..... 20  
June ..... 20  
July ..... 33  
August ..... 33  
September ..... 20  
October ..... 29  
November ..... 29  
December ..... 29

Total for 1898 ..... 333  
The above deaths were due to many different causes and are shown on the books kept by the city clerk.

**OLD SETTLERS.**  
Below is given a list of the old settlers of Marion county who have died during the year of 1898, term old is being used in the sense of one who has lived in the county for 30 years or more. The name, date of death and age of each is as follows:  
Mrs. Lizzie J. Traubinger, January 3, 64 years.  
Mrs. E. E. Trull, January 5, 86.  
Samuel Heft, January 9, 69.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Luns, January 78.  
Mrs. Judith Oglesby McClellan, January 9, 74.  
Henry F. May, January 10, 53.  
Mrs. Lucetta Shaffer, January 20, 66.  
Mrs. Francis Pharris, January 30, 52.  
J. C. Lake, February 7, 65.  
Thomas Waddell, February 9, 60.  
Mrs. Ida R. Downing, February 13, 70.  
W. T. Cole, February 14, 78.  
Mrs. W. H. Bean, February 14, 71.  
Mrs. Mary Frahmman, February 11, 74.  
Mrs. Laura A. Brayden, February 21, 78.  
William J. Brown, February 24, 71.  
Mrs. Anna Rodgers, February 23, 90.

**MARRIAGES.**  
During the past year there has been held at County Clerk Bond's office 109 marriage licenses. The applicants for licenses were from the city and all townships in the county and quite a number of applications were made by persons from other cities who came here to be married.

Mrs. Mary Moran Hughes, February 27, 67.  
Mrs. M. J. Muirhead, February 28, 63.  
W. T. Wells, March 1, 64.  
Mrs. Charlotte Elson, March 1, 78.  
Mrs. Martha A. Brown, March 14, 70.  
Mrs. Claybourn Jones, March 15, 77.  
Madison D. Phillips, March 17, 68.  
Mrs. Juliana Acom, March 28, 80.  
Samuel Myers, April 9, 80.  
William Dodson, April 11, 67.  
Elizabeth McDonald, April 22, 53.  
Mrs. Alta Irwin, April 29, 50.  
Mrs. Mary Gouker, April 30, 71.  
John B. Barnhill, May 10, 68.  
John F. Delbridge, May 10, 71.  
Mrs. Mary Ann King, May 20, 58.  
Miss J. W. Pearson.  
B. F. Montgomery, May 25, 54.  
Mrs. Elizabeth L. Query, June 3, 88.  
Louisa J. Abrams, June 18, 68.  
Mrs. Elrich, June 18, 70.  
John P. Holliday, June 29, 77.  
Mrs. Mary S. Inman, July 10, 67.  
Jesse Lockhart, July 12, 72.  
Mrs. J. W. Logan, July 13, 40.  
David W. Garver, July 16, 68.  
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Eichinger, July 17, 51.  
George Jones, July 18, 42.  
W. A. Albion, July 23, 72.  
Elmer Heiser, July 29, 80.  
Miss Edna Davidson, August 1, 40.  
John Winnings, August 3, 67.  
Mrs. Eliza Pratt, August 22, 53.  
George Oron, August 24, 66.  
Mrs. Sarah J. Barger, August 25, 53.  
John J. Batcher, August 25, 47.  
Johnson Bishop, September 7, 60.  
Charles Buckley, September 20, 40.  
J. J. Richmond, October 17, 75.  
Patrick Hayes, October 8, 68.  
Mrs. Mary Hatten, October 24, 43.  
Louis B. Cammer, October 28.  
Joseph P. Smallwood, November 6, 60.  
Mrs. Mary E. Browning, November 20, 56.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Casey, November 30, 86.  
Mrs. Mary Lord, November 2, 81.  
Mary Ann Whit, December 8, 84.  
P. W. Blankinship, December 11, 67.  
Mrs. J. L. Adams, December 17, 50.  
Wall A. Brooks, December 24, 28.

**WEATHER REPORT.**  
Prof. Conradi, the voluntary weather observer at this point, gives some interesting figures in regard to the weather of 1898 compared to former years. The following figures in regard to the temperature are of interest:  
1891. Maximum temperature 100 degrees, minimum 3 degrees below zero. Average temperature, 58.7, average for entire year, 54.3 degrees.  
1896. Maximum 100 degrees, minimum 21 degrees below zero. Average 52.02 degrees, state average, 51.6 degrees.  
1897. Maximum 96 degrees above minimum 4 degrees below zero. Average 47.5 degrees, state average, 49.6 degrees.  
1898. Maximum 101 degrees above, minimum 11 degrees below zero. Average 47.7 degrees, state average, 47.2 degrees.  
It will be seen by the above figures that the temperature of the year of 1898 did not differ greatly from that of several previous years.

The total precipitation for the point for the past five years was as follows:  
1894, 29.5 inches; 1895, 30.2 inches; 1896, 35.3 inches; 1897, 33.6 inches; 1898, 44.0 inches. The greatest rainfall for the state was 49.8 in 1874. The mean annual temperature for the state from 1874 was 51.2 inches.

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## RECONCILIATION

Another Chapter in the  
Rev. Howell Affair.

## WRONGED HUSBAND'S COURSE

Revives the Whole Story—Divorced  
Wife Again at the Altar—  
Married in Kan-  
sas.

WARRENSBURG, MO., Dec. 31.—It was thought that the closing chapters of the sensational exploits of Mrs. Henderson, who eloped with Rev. Howell, the pastor of the Columbus Christian church, some months since, were ended with the suicide of the preacher in Kansas November 7 and the subsequent divorce of Henderson from his wife about a month ago. But Henderson disappeared from his residence in Columbus a few days since. It now transpires that he met his divorced wife at Independence and there procured a license for their remarriage, and that they then proceeded to Houston, on the Lexington branch of the Missouri Pacific, where they were remarried on Wednesday.

## TROOPS TO CUBA

Urgent Orders Sent to Gen. Wilson  
at Macon, Ga.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Orders have been issued for the dispatch of additional troops to Cuba to assist in the maintenance of good government there. The orders are addressed to General Wilson, commanding the First Army corps with headquarters at Macon, Ga. The secretary of war directs that the headquarters of that corps, originally fixed at Cienfuegos, be changed to Mantanzas, and that the Sixth Massachusetts, the One Hundred and Sixtieth Indiana, and the Third Kentucky be put in readiness, well armed and equipped for field service, and supplied with thirty days' rations and forage in addition that may be required for the journey.

## LOAN CASH.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 31.—An order of distribution was entered last night in the Intestate Building and Loan association case. The sum of \$450,000, 25 per cent of the liabilities, will be distributed. Receiver Barry mailed the checks. He expects to realize at least 25 per cent more later on.

## TROUBLE NOW.

CARLINVILLE, ILL., Dec. 31.—Everything is serene at the coal shaft and all workmen went to work except "Tuck" Witt, the top weighman, whom the miners accused of using plugged weights. Superintendent Daniels yielded to the pressure and released Mr. Witt, and all the miners were satisfied. Mr. Witt will, no doubt, be given a position by the company that the miners can not object to.

## Unclaim.

Marshall W. W. Mason has received two letters for persons in this city which were sent in his care. One is addressed to Mrs. Minnie Waterman and is from Danville. The other letter was enclosed in the same envelope with a note to Marshall Mason. The letter is evidently intended for someone whose first name is Kate and whose husband is named Brown and is employed as a brakeman on the Wabash. It is supposed that the letter is intended for Mrs. Kate Brown if there is such a person living in the city. Both letters contain news of importance and if the proper owners are now in the city they can have the letters by calling upon Marshall Mason at police headquarters.

## Bowling News.

At the Floyd alley Friday evening the members of the Whole Thing team defeated the Dewey team, but only by four points. The total for the Whole Things was 1977 and for the Deweys 1973. The best score was 200 and was made by Masterson of the winning team. Morrison of the Dewey team made 195, which was the next best score. F. C. Stooessand, manager of the Whole Things challenges any team that will play with them.

## BBEWERS PLAY.

At Brinkmeyer's alley Friday night 19 men from the brewery played a game. Six were from the bottling works and six were from the brewery proper. The bottling department was represented by Lichtenberger, Scherer,

Speeth, Hoke, Drohl and Lahne. The brewery team was composed of Storminger, Jamison, Koch, Heisler, Schiller and Haussman.

## PRIZES.

At Duke's alleys prizes will be distributed to the champion bowlers at Duke's alleys. There are three prizes, \$5, \$3, and \$2, for the best scores made during December. Mr. Floyd offers the same prizes to his patrons with the addition of a prize of \$2.50 for the best lady bowler.

## PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

More than 100 laudatory poems have been sent to Lord Kitchener since his return to England.

Prof. Kirtledge, of Harvard, is said to be the only man living who can read Eliot's Indian Bible.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., recently had his finger crushed while coupling cars on the New York Central railroad, on which he has been employed as a mechanical engineer.

Lord Ilchester has 11,000 swans upon his estate at Abbotsburg, a charming little village a few miles from Weymouth, England. The cost of caring for the swans averages over \$10,000 per year.

"Most of my boyhood," says F. Marion Crawford, "was spent under a French governess. From her I learned her language, geography and arithmetic, so that now I write French as easily as English."

Princess Theresa of Bavaria is a scientific writer of considerable merit. She has already published one book on South America, and is now at work on another, to get materials for which she made a journey of exploration in the wildest parts of Brazil.

That there is after all some sort of "honor among thieves" is shown by a recent communication to a leading paper of Palermo, Sicily. Candino, a noted brigand, writes that one Galbo, a notorious member of his band, has been expelled for discourteous and unmanly conduct in his dealings with the public.

The Journal Officiel lately contained a list of pensions granted to widows of French officers the name of Berthe Amelie Berthecourt, widow of the late Col. Henry, who committed suicide in prison after having confessed that the Dreyfus bordereau was a forgery. She gets 1,667 francs a year, or about \$333.

Mantegazza has written a Utopian romance, in which he expresses the opinion that in the year 3000 all countries of the world will form one federation, the United States of the World, and there will be but one government with only four ministries—of agriculture, hygiene, education and commerce.

## ALMOST HOME.

The Sad and Impressive Ceremony of  
a Soldier's Burial  
at Sea.

When war is done and the great ships turn their bows toward home, laden with the true heroes of a nation, it is then that gladness comes into the hearts of those at home whose loved ones are returning; but many a heart is heavy with woe, for their loved ones have fallen in a foreign land, where they fought under the banner of the Cross, and in the records of our honored dead many a soldier will have "buried at sea" after his name.

There was hardly a single transport that made its homeward voyage that did not experience the sad rites over the body of some poor soldier who had started for home full of hope, and some of the ships buried many in the deep. A burial at sea is not so terrible as one on land, where the body is placed in the ground, for somehow the restless waters seem to forever mourn in ceaseless motion.

When every thing is in readiness the great engines cease their throbbing and the officers and men gather on the after deck to do the last honor to a brave man. Comrades carry the body, that has been wrapped in his blankets and sewed in sail-cloth, to the tilting-board, where it is draped in the folds of the flag for which he gave his life. Around the deck are grouped his comrades and acquaintances, who stand reverentially attentive to these last honors, and scarcely a sound breaks the stillness, except the splashing of the waves against the ship's sides as she tosses easily on the seas. An occasional order seems to be strangely out of place, and every one treads lightly and speaks softly, in subdued voice, as though fearing to awaken their comrade from his final sleep. The chaplain reads the service and offers his prayer, which includes the living with the dead; a prayer for the rest of the soul that has flown from a noble body, and a prayer for those who have still a few hours before they, too, go to join the great majority—a prayer of sorrow and of thanksgiving.

The trumpeter plays the slow, mournful notes of "Taps," that tell of the last "I ghts out," and as the final long, clear note dies out, and is lost across the water, the board is slowly raised and the body gently slips into the sea, its eternal resting-place, and over the eddying waters the firing-quad thunder the last three volleys. Then the great wheels again commence their grind and send the ship toward home.—Leslie's Weekly.

## Base Ball.

Manager Monke, of Mattoon, has called a meeting of those interested in forming an Inter-State base ball league for the coming season, to be held in Decatur at the St. Nicholas hotel on Wednesday, January 11. An effort will be made to include Decatur in the list of cities.

Mrs. R. O. Augustine entertained her Sunday school class of Wesley at her home from 4 to 7 on Thursday afternoon.

H. R. Arnett has gone to Bloomington to spend Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. S. J. Bamstead, who has been suffering from an attack of the grip, is better.

The new Illinois Central depot at Champaign will be heated from the steam heating plant at the round house near by.

## THE INSTITUTE

Program was Arranged by  
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MANY FARMERS WILL BE HERE

To Take Part in the Big Institute—A  
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hibits.

The members of the committee having the matter in charge met this afternoon at the court house and arranged the program for the Macon County Farmers' Institute, which will be held at Decatur, January 24, 25 and 26. The institute this year promises to be the best ever held. The program for the three days will be briefly as follows:

First Day—President W. H. Bean's address; prayer by Rev. Hawkins; Eugene Davenport of the University of Illinois on "Farmers' Relations to the State Agricultural College"; Fred H. Rankin on "Points on Pork."

Second Day—"When and How to Feed Sheep," by Jacob Zeigler; address by David Felony; "Cattle Raising and Feeding," by John Imboden, followed by general discussion; "How Can the Farmer's Wife Help Raise the Mortgage," by Mrs. G. A. Waring; "Illinois Farmers' Institutes," Charles E. Mills; at evening session Joe Carter will speak on "Clover."

Third Day—"Practical Butter Making," by Mrs. Perviance; "Apples in Illinois," by Thomas J. Burrell.

There will be sessions in the evening and each day the addresses will be interrupted with music. There will also be a big exhibition of products of the farm. Special premiums and other matters of importance were arranged at the meeting this afternoon. The last day the exhibits will be sold and officers elected.

## COMMITTEES.

The committee who will be in charge are as follows:

President—W. H. Bean.  
Vice President—E. R. Moffatt.  
Secretary—C. A. Thrift.  
Assistant—J. B. Burrows.  
Treasurer—C. H. Scott.  
Executive Committee—Frank Muirhead of Harriestown, David Willepp of Macon, J. W. Walker of Oakley, Hering Burrows of Long Creek, John Rucker and C. E. Wheeler.

Program Committee—Frank Muirhead, C. A. Thrift, C. H. Scott, J. W. Walker and W. H. Bean.  
Exhibit—David Willepp, C. E. Wheeler, John Rucker, William Blunkley, John Walker, C. H. Scott, Frank Muirhead, George Botzer and E. R. Moffatt.

Music Committee—E. R. Moffatt, J. B. Burrows and Frank W. Westhoff.

## QUASHED BY DEATH.

PEORIA, ILL., Dec. 31.—Louis Ahrens, alias Ghroko, under arrest for the murder of William Nanning of Chicago at Moxville, Ill., died in the county hospital in this city today.

## RECORD BROKEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 31.—The coinage of the San Francisco mint for December was the largest ever recorded for a single month, amounting to \$10,062,000.

## BANK STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The weekly bank statement shows reserve decreased \$488,075, loans increased \$605,000, deposits increased \$,085,960. The banks hold \$19,180,975 in excess of legal requirements.

## Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Trial bottles 10c, of this Great Discovery at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

## St. James Church.

The members of St. James' Gorman Catholic church will on Sunday evening at the Turner hall repeat the Christmas cantata which they gave on last Monday evening at the school house. There was such a large crowd that it was impossible to accommodate them so it was decided to repeat the entertainment at the Turner hall.

## To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

The members of Couer de Leon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, had a "ladies' night" reception last evening, which was a very pleasant affair.

Preparatory service at the English Lutheran church this evening at 7:30.

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## EARLY MORNING FIRES.

House on East Herkimer Street Entirely Destroyed—Another Damaged.

The house owned by Mrs. R. C. Hunscher, located at 323 East Herkimer street was burned to the ground this morning about 2 o'clock. It was occupied by Mr. Gabriel, who formerly conducted a bakery in the Gohart building on North Water street. All his household goods were destroyed. The roof of the house adjoining was burned. The fire started from a defective flue. Mrs. Hunscher's loss will be about \$800 and Mr. Gabriel's loss will reach \$200. The loss on the adjoining house will probably be about \$100.

## First M. E. Church.

Instead of the regular service at the First M. E. church on Sunday evening there will be a song service by the choir assisted by Roy Sumner, violinist. The program is as follows:

Organ Prelude—St. Cecilia, Offertory, op. 10, Batista.  
Hymn—"Holy, Holy, Holy," Heber.

Apostles Creed—Congregation.  
Prayer—Pastor.  
Response—Choir.

Anthem, "Alpha and Omega" Strainer—Choir.  
First Scripture—Pastor.  
Anthem, "Manger of Bethlehem"—Choir.

Second Scripture—Pastor.  
Violin Solo—Roy Sumner.  
Duet, "Hail to the Monarch," Mars-ton—Mustangs Gher and Hunt.  
Offertory, "Simple Confession," Thome.

Address—Pastor.  
Anthem, "Come Near Ye Nations," Watson—Choir.  
Benediction.  
Postlude, "Tocatta," Dubois.

—Mrs. Kyle, living northwest of the city, is very ill.

—Mrs. G. A. Danly, of West Pugh street, is ill.

—Mrs. J. H. Rowland will return tomorrow from a visit of two months with relatives at Fort Scott, Kansas.

—Dr. O. T. Eddy is suffering from a sprained ankle which he received as the results of a fall last Sunday.

—Mrs. J. Brigham of Warrensburg, Miss Lucy Whitehouse, of Illinois, Chas. Cram of Macon, George Smith of Mt. Zion, Howard and Miss Ethel Johnson of Macon, were among the out-of-town visitors today.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Buckingham and daughters, Misses Maria and Donna, will spend Sunday with the family of Dr. Anderson at Macon.

Protracted meetings will begin at Wesley on Sunday evening and will continue for an indefinite period. The pastor, Rev. Lyles, has just closed a series of meetings at Sargent's chapel which resulted in 20 conversions.

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4. At close of teachers' institute.  
5. First Saturday of November.  
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**THE WEATHER.**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Illinois: Fair and continued cold tonight and Sunday; northerly winds.

**LOCAL NEWS.**  
Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.  
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Sunday night at the First M. T. church the Christmas day music by request will be repeated by the choir.

It's the little colds that grow into big colds; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Sold by all druggists.

The midwinter teachers' institute held in Clinton by County Superintendent Wilson was attended by nearly every up-to-date teacher in DeWitt county.

Why send your money out of town when we take your subscriptions at publishers' prices.  
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The sun throws vertical rays on the earth surface only upon an area equal to about 35 square miles at any one time.

The Prince of Wales is reported to possess the finest collection of tobacco pipes in the world.

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**Funeral at Springfield.**  
The funeral of the late Mrs. C. B. Turner, formerly of this city, was held Friday at Springfield. Rev. W. C. Miller of the Congregational church of this city conducted the services. Judge and Mrs. E. P. Vail of Decatur were in attendance.

**At Turner Hall.**  
The Metropolitan Dramatic Co. of New York will present a play entitled "King Ludwig II. of Bavaria," at the Turner hall next Tuesday evening. The play will be given in German. Karl Geire, the advance agent, was in the city yesterday to make arrangements.

**La Grippe Successfully Treated.**  
"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. James A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexico, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting 'down.' For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1893.

## CUBANS SHOULD WAIT.

The temper shown by the Cubans over the refusal of General Brooke to permit a contingent of the Cuban army to march through Havana on the day when the people celebrate the occupation of Cuba by the United States and the retirement of Spanish sovereignty is but another evidence of their unfitness at this time for self-government. The United States government has shown no disposition other than to restore peace to Cuba, give the people a chance to re-establish business and ultimately a stable government. To do this it was necessary to overthrow Spanish sovereignty in Cuba and cause the withdrawal of the Spanish troops by force or otherwise. To accomplish this it was necessary to declare war against Spain. The result of that war was to defeat Spain at Manila and at Santiago, when a protocol was agreed to between the United States and Spain which ended in a peace treaty. Commissioners were appointed in the meantime to arrange for the Spanish evacuation of Porto Rico and Cuba by which it was arranged that the government of Cuba should be handed over to the United States fully and completely by January 1, 1899. In all this business Cuba has had nothing to say nor has the so-called Cuban army had anything to do. What the United States desires is peace on the unfortunate island and not riot. It has been impossible for the Spanish troops to get off the island and some 30,000 or more of them will still be there, 15,000 of them in Havana, on the day set apart for the celebration. There seems to be the same animosity among the Cubans and Spaniards as while their guerrilla warfare was going on and whenever they meet there is riot and bloodshed. Under such conditions it would be absolutely dangerous to peace and good order, especially so when the fact that in Havana are thousands of Cubans who were volunteers in the Spanish army, to permit a demonstration by the Cuban army in Havana at this time and under these conditions. The Cubans, themselves, who have everything to gain and nothing to lose should have forethought enough not to demand any such permission. The fact that they do demand it seems to indicate that they are more interested in "rubbing it in" on their former enemies than to create unity and good feeling which is the first essential to good government.

The United States went into the war with Spain for the purpose of ending the war and the sufferings of Cuba. First, from a sense of humanity; second, because the war in Cuba disturbed our trade with the island and entailed millions of money to enforce neutrality as to the combatants. One demand was that Spain should evacuate the island and if she refused we would expel her armies from Cuba. This will not have been accomplished until the last Spanish soldier departs and the Cubans, until that time comes, are merely spectators and not participants. This is the logic of the situation.

It is a remarkable fact that not one straight Democrat from any northern state will be a member of the Senate, whose term will begin the 4th of March next. In five years the Republicans have gained 19 seats in the Senate. Among the missing Democrats will be Murphy of New York, Smith of New Jersey, Gray of Delaware, Mitchell of Wisconsin, White of California, Turpie of Indiana and Faulkner of West Virginia. This is the result of the free trade and Chicago platform experience.

General Wheeler says the arguments used by the anti-expansionists are the same as those used against the acquisition of the Louisiana territory. He might have added also that not a man who opposed the Louisiana purchase was broad-headed enough to make a record that insured him from complete obscurity now. The country follows the man, of course, who believes in his country and who is never found sitting or standing around declaring that we cannot do what other nations who are inferior to us are doing successfully.

William Jennings Bryan has been informed by Senator Gray that the peace treaty means that we have control of the situation. What an astute president the colonel would have made. Had he been elected and the war with Spain had taken place under such an administration as his, what would have happened?

The threat of the Cubans that they will fight the United States unless Brooke's orders preventing a demonstration by the Cuban army in Havana will alarm nobody. Uncle Sam knows their fighting qualities.

It will soon be in order to call the Democratic party the people party. It has many splits in it according to dimensions as a curved pig.

That of Bryan in 1900 should be changed to anybody who can win in 1904. McKinley has the call for 1900.

The candidates for speaker of the Illinois general assembly are now moving on Springfield with a sure thing.

"Bloody Brides" Waite does not seem to favor the further expansion of Anti-Expansionist Bryan.

## DEATH RECORD.

MRS. McKINNIS. Mrs. Lewis McKinnis, mother of Harry McKinnis, died at 7 o'clock Friday evening, December 30, at the family residence, 828 North Pine street, aged 58 years. She had been ill for a long time and her death was due to heart failure and lung trouble. The deceased was born in Sangamon county and was the sister of Mrs. B. E. Lauman of this city, Mrs. George Parish of Mt. Auburn and Mrs. John Hamm of Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. McKinnis was widely known in this city and had many friends among whom she was held in the highest esteem and by whom her death will be greatly regretted. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made. The burial will be at Boiling Springs cemetery.

## MRS. GATES.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Harriet Gates, who died on Friday, was held this afternoon and the body was taken to Bement for burial.

The deceased was the wife of Robert Gates and was aged 19 years and 3 months. Death was caused by peritonitis. Mrs. Gates is survived by her husband and infant child, three weeks old. She also leaves a mother, Mrs. Rachel Hoffheim, a sister, Mrs. Alena Doty, and two brothers, Otis and Curtis Hoffheim.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. MILLS.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Joseph Mills was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence on North Main street. The services were conducted by Rev. H. A. W. Yung. The music for the occasion was rendered by the choir from the First English Lutheran church. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery and the pall bearers were the following employees of the Mills Lumber Co.: John Hagen, Thomas Oakes, Will Montgomery, Will Kossovic, J. Goodmiller and Adam Walker.

## WE PUBLISH THE STORY

Of Another Wonderful Cure of Kidney Backache for the Benefit of Decatur People.

Morrow's Kid-ne-o-ids receive the highest possible praise from an Elkhardt, Indiana, business man. If Morrow's Kid-ne-o-ids were not a worthy remedy or the remedy we claim them to be, it would be impossible to get people living in Elkhardt to praise them. Geo. Towman, the barber at Main and Franklin streets, has much to say for them and stronger language could not be used. "Here is what he says: 'I have suffered more from kidney trouble than I have from any other ailment. I have been gradually growing worse for years, notwithstanding the fact that I have used many patent medicines as well as being treated by physicians which has cost me lots of money. Only two months ago I paid a large doctor bill for which I received not one particle of benefit. My condition has been so bad at times that I have had to quit work for a week or more. The pain through the small of my back was so intense that it seemed as if I were dying by inches. This condition made me so nervous that by spells I was unable to hold a razor or razor steady. The kidney secretions were highly discolored and accompanied by a scalding pain in its passage. This showed an excessiveness of uric acid. No one could blame me for being completely discouraged. I had begun to believe that my condition was a hopeless one, until hope took the place of despair through reading the many cures effected by Morrow's Kid-ne-o-ids. I could no more than fail (which I have been doing right along) although taking treatment from physicians and paying doctor bills if I gave the Kid-ne-o-ids a trial. I bought two boxes to start with. It seems almost incredible when I say I began to feel better in twenty-four hours, but such was the case. Inside of a week my condition was more improved than it had been for years from other treatment. Today my backache has entirely disappeared, my nerves have grown steady and strong and I am perfectly free from urinary disturbances, notwithstanding the fact that I work hard all day. I am so elated over my present healthful condition that I suppose I have told and recommended Kid-ne-o-ids to over thirty of my customers. I make this statement for publication with the hope that those who read it will not delay one moment but stop their suffering by using Kid-ne-o-ids at once.'"

The people of Decatur and surrounding country should be convinced by this statement and lose no time from being cured. Kid-ne-o-ids are yellow tablets (not pills) and are for sale by all druggists and at Armstrong Bros' drug store at 50c a box. John Morrow & Co., Chemists, Springfield, Ohio.

## IN A SOCIAL WAY.

Mrs. Shlaudemman Receives—Guests Entertained in Various Homes.

Mrs. Frank Shlaudemman received her friends at her home on South Webster street from 2 to 6 on Friday afternoon in honor of her guests, Mrs. Henry Shumway and Mrs. Joseph Gagen of Lafayette, Ind., and Mrs. Carleton Heiby of Milwaukee. The color scheme in the decorations was pink and green. The dining table was placed directly beneath the chandelier and ropes of statuettes were draped from the chandelier to the four corners of the table. Roses and carnations were used in profusion. During the afternoon a musical program was offered by Miss Lela Cosad. Mrs. Shlaudemman was assisted in receiving by Mrs.

Heiby. Mrs. Gagen poured chocolate and Miss Ella Basse served the frappe. Miss Ethel Scovill, Mrs. E. E. Johnson and Miss Maude Evans assisted in the dining room. Mrs. Shlaudemman's guests leave for home on Monday.

Mrs. Silas E. McClelland was hostess for the Coffee club on Friday afternoon.

The Misses Lena Ulrich and Gertrude Tyler entertained the card club at the home of Miss Ulrich last evening.

The Social Dancing club danced at the Columbia hall last evening, the last dance of the year proving the most pleasant in many respects.

Mrs. J. Riddle was given a surprise by her friends at her home at 502 East Wood street on Friday afternoon. The guests were mostly members of the German Lutheran church.

Lenora, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wehrly of North College street, entertained the children of the neighborhood with a party in which Christmas trees and Christmas goodies figured conspicuously, on Friday afternoon. The little guests had an afternoon of unequalled mirth and merriment.

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

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It is an old saying that women are hard to kill. There is some truth in this, as far as the majority of illnesses are concerned. There is one class of disorders, however, that quickly undermine any woman's general health. No woman can retain her strength who suffers from weakness and disease of the delicate and important organs that make womanhood and motherhood possible. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is an unfailing cure for all disorders of this description. It acts directly on the sensitive organs concerned, in a natural, soothing way. It makes them strong, healthy and vigorous. It prepares them to bear the burdens of maternity. It is the greatest of nerve tonics. The woman who uses it will bear healthy, happy children, and live to a ripe old age.

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## HOTEL CHAN

G. J. Mills Has Bo  
the St. Nicholas.

TAKES POSSESSION JAN

New Proprietor Comes From

burg—Mr. Neipp Will Loc  
Elsewhere—Both Fir  
Class Hotel Men.

Last night an important de-  
closed through the agency of  
Hook & Co. of Chicago, by w  
J. Mills of Galesburg, Ill.,  
the owner of the St. Nicholas  
succeeding Chris Neipp who  
months ago succeeded Charles  
as proprietor. The considera-  
understood to be about  
Possession will be given on  
January 1.

The St. Nicholas is recognized  
bonifaces as one of the best  
properties in the state. Its rep-  
as a first class house was est-  
by Mr. Laux and when Mr.  
who knows a good thing when  
it, offered him his price, it  
cepted. Mr. Neipp at once  
number of marked improve-  
by increased expenditure and  
play of varied taste in fur-  
nished considerably to the at-  
ness of the hotel. The popu-  
the St. Nick has continued an  
excellent management of Mr.  
He has been untiring in his ef-  
pense the home and traveling  
with the result that several  
have lately sought to secure  
of the property. The tempo-  
made by Mr. Mills, which  
to a sum greater by several  
dollars than the purchase pr-  
Mr. Laux, was finally ac-  
Mr. Neipp and the deal was

While Decatur loses a fine  
hotel man and a genial and  
gentleman in the retirement  
Neipp, we secure a most wor-  
cessor in the person of Mr. M-  
is the present owner of the  
hotel at Galesburg, and has  
owner and successful man  
hotels in Washington and for  
Mills comes to Decatur high-  
mended by Mr. Neipp, O. P.  
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know him to be all right for  
Nicholas, a hotel man up to  
all the demands of the gener-  
Mr. Mills is now in the e-  
manager of the hotel will l-  
Waterman of Chicago, a gen-  
years of experience in the bus-  
has had charge of big hotel  
come, San Francisco, Salt L-  
at other points.

The Republican extends the  
cordial welcome to Mr. Mills.  
Waterman and wishes them  
possible success.

Mr. Neipp will remain in  
for the present. He may e-  
the hotel business elsewhere  
near future.

## COLD SN

Thirty Below in Colorado  
Temperature East and

DENVER, COL., Dec.  
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degrees below zero. Reports  
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as low as 25 and 30 below z-

The Wave.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The

of the cold wave is felt over  
country east of the Rock-  
on the Atlantic and east gy-

The zero temperature line  
northern Michigan south  
over northern Illinois, nor  
Missouri and southern Kan-  
peratures more than 20 deg-  
zero are reported in Minnes-

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SALES.

Good Standard Calicoes,  
Best Made Calicoes, 40c,  
Dress Goods, 15c, 20c,  
worth up to 40c and  
A large lot of odds a-  
ends of Silks, Vel-  
Brocades—just the  
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## HOTELCHANGE

G. J. Mills Has Bought  
the St. Nicholas.

TAKES POSSESSION JAN. 1st

New Proprietor Comes From Gales-  
burg—Mr. Neipp Will Locate  
Elsewhere—Both First  
Class Hotel Men.

It might be an important deal was  
made through the agency of G. A.  
Hicks & Co. of Chicago, by which G.  
J. Mills of Galesburg, Ill., became  
the owner of the St. Nicholas hotel,  
operated by Chris Neipp, who a few  
months ago succeeded Charles Laux  
as proprietor. The consideration is  
understood to be about \$25,000.  
Possession will be given on Sunday,  
January 1.

The St. Nicholas is recognized by all  
business as one of the best hotel  
properties in the state. Its reputation  
as a first class house was established  
by Mr. Laux and when Mr. Neipp  
took over a good thing when he took  
it over. Mr. Neipp, it was ac-  
cepted, Mr. Neipp at once made a  
number of marked improvements and  
increased expenditure and the dis-  
play of varied taste in furnishings  
has considerably to the attractive-  
ness of the hotel. The popularity of  
the St. Nick has continued under the  
excellent management of Mr. Neipp.  
He has been untiring in his efforts  
to please the home and traveling public,  
with the result that several parties  
have lately sought to secure possession  
of the property. The tempting offer  
made by Mr. Mills, which amounts to  
a sum greater by several thousand  
dollars than the purchase price paid  
Mr. Laux, was finally accepted by  
Mr. Neipp and the deal was closed.

While Decatur loses a first class  
hotel man and a genial and pleasant  
gentleman in the retirement of Mr.  
Neipp, we secure a most worthy suc-  
cessor in the person of Mr. Mills, who  
is the present owner of the Union  
hotel in Galesburg, and has been the  
owner and successful manager of  
hotels in Washington and Iowa. Mr.  
Mills comes to Decatur highly com-  
mended by Mr. Neipp, O. F. Spaulding,  
Charles Laux and others, who  
know him to be all right for the St.  
Nicholas, a hotel man up-to-date in  
all the demands of the general public.  
Mr. Mills is now in the city. The  
manager of the hotel will be G. H.  
Waterman of Chicago, a gentleman of  
years of experience in the business. He  
has had charge of big hotels at Ta-  
coma, San Francisco, Salt Lake and  
at other points.

The Republican extends the hand of  
cordial welcome to Mr. Mills and Mr.  
Waterman and wishes them every  
possible success.

Mr. Neipp will remain in the city  
for the present. He may engage in  
the hotel business elsewhere in the  
near future.

## COLD SNAP

Thirty Below in Colorado and Low

Temperature East and West.

DENVER, COLO., Dec. 31.—The  
mercury at midnight registered 12 de-  
grees below zero. Reports from sev-  
eral mountain towns in the state are  
as low as 25 and 30 below zero.

## The Wave.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The influence  
of the cold wave is felt over the entire  
country east of the Rockies, except  
on the Atlantic and east gulf coasts.  
The zero temperature line runs from  
northern Michigan southwestward  
over northern Illinois, northwestern  
Missouri and southern Kansas. Tem-  
peratures more than 20 degrees below  
zero are reported in Minnesota.

## BARGAIN SALES.

Good Standard Calicoes, 3½c.  
Best Made Calicoes, 4½c.  
Dress Goods, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c,  
worth up to 40c and 50c.

A large lot of odds and short  
ends of Silks, Velvets and  
Broadades—just the right  
thing for Fronts, Crush Col-  
lars and Dress Trimmings,  
all less than half what they  
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Good lines of Staples and Do-  
mestics at less than half  
what they cost.

A few Ladies' Eider Down  
Capes and Children's Saques  
—choice styles but broken  
sizes, at any price to close  
them out.

First Choice the Best Come  
Quick.

S. G. HATCH  
& BRO.,  
J. W. RACE, Assignee.

## Doesn't Understand Boys.

A young matron in Kentwood told  
the following good story of herself  
at the Kindergarten club. She had been  
greatly annoyed at the propensity of  
her two small boys to quarrel all the  
time. They never played together 15  
minutes without getting into a fight.  
The mother finally decided that she  
would threaten to leave home.  
"Now, my dear little boys," she said,  
calling them to her for an affectionate  
farewell, "ma-ma is going to-to-go  
away and ne-never come b-back any  
more. S-she can't bear to see Tommy  
and Willie quarrel so."

And then she put on her bonnet and  
went out. In a few minutes she slipped  
back and peeped into her bedroom win-  
dow to see how sorry the little boys  
were. She expected to see them cry-  
ing their small eyes out. Tommy and  
Willie were seated on the floor in front  
of the dresser. They had the top  
drawer out and were dividing lit-  
tles with great satisfaction.—Chi-  
cago Inter Ocean.

## Lutson Is Queer.

"Are your discoveries often bril-  
liant intuit ones?" was asked of Edson.  
"No, I never did anything worth doing  
by accident," he replied. "nor did any  
of my inventions come indirectly  
through accident, except the phono-  
graph. When I fully decide that a re-  
sult is worth getting, I go ahead and  
make trial after trial until it comes."  
"What implies you to this constant, tire-  
less struggle? You have shown that  
you are comparatively nothing for the  
money, and you have no particular en-  
thusiasm in the attending fame." "I  
like it, I don't know of other reason."  
Anything I have begun on is on my  
mind, and I am not easy until it is fin-  
ished. And then I have it." "Hate it?"  
"Yes, when it is all over and a success,  
I can't bear the sight of it. I haven't  
used the telephone in years, and I  
would go out of my way to miss an in-  
candescent light."—St. Louis Globe-  
Democrat.

## Cold Air as an Appetizer.

A Russian physician has begun to ex-  
periment with liquid air. He placed a  
dog in a room with the temperature  
lowered to 100 degrees below zero.  
After ten hours the dog was taken out  
alive and with an enormous appetite.  
The physician tried the test on himself.  
After ten hours' confinement in an at-  
mosphere of still, dry cold his system  
was not unduly stimulated. So much  
combustion had been required to keep  
warm that an intense appetite was cre-  
ated. The process was continued on  
the man and the dog, and both grew  
speciely fat and vigorous.—N. Y. Sun.

## How a Frog Hibernates.

According to Simon Henry Sage, the  
frog does not hibernate in leaves or the  
trunks of trees, but in a dry hole in the  
ground not likely to freeze. He  
scratches the hole with his hind feet,  
and enters backward. Once inside there  
is apparently no trace of the fact out-  
side. Frogs found under frozen leaves  
are still able to move about. Mr. Sage  
has found hibernating frogs with their  
extremities and skin frozen, but their  
vital organs were still intact, and they  
recovered their activity on being liber-  
ated.—London Globe.

## Mental Phenomena.

"I suppose," said the visitor at the  
insane asylum, "that you have fre-  
quent occasions to note that people  
under your charge are entirely sen-  
sible on some particular topics."  
"Yes," answered the superintendent.  
"The good sense they show on general  
subjects is amazing. For instance,  
never since I have been here have I  
heard of a movement among the in-  
mates to get up a six-day bicycle race."  
—Washington Star.

## His Dream Shattered.

First Boarder—Well, you'll soon be  
released from boarding houses, any-  
how. Going to be married soon, I sup-  
pose?  
Second Boarder (sadly)—No—I have  
been bitterly disappointed in the girl.  
"How?"  
"She insisted on boarding after our  
marriage."—Puck.

## His Idea of an Angel.

Wederly—Do you know, my dear, I  
dreamed of your mother last night. I  
thought she was an angel.  
Mrs. Wederly—Indeed! Did she have  
the traditional harp and crown?  
"Oh, no; I thought I met her on the  
street and she told me she never intend-  
ed to darken my door again."—Chicago  
Evening News.

## Fish with a Royal Name.

There is a fish in Japanese water  
called "the emperor of Japan." It is  
curiously angular in form, being  
most a true rectangle. It is resplendent  
in color, with odd brown-like face,  
and it is notable for its savory flesh.—  
Chicago Chronicle.

## Her Dear Friend.

"What frauds these beggars are! I  
just met a blind one who said: 'Please  
give me a few pennies, pretty lady!'  
"Perhaps he only said that so you  
would be sure to believe he was blind!"  
—Lustige Blätter.

## The Eternal Question.

She—I wonder why you ever married  
me?  
He—Because I thought I loved you,  
of course. Did you get the notion that  
it was to pay a bet?—Indianapolis  
Journal.

## An Awful Waste.

Einstein—Ikey, you must not wear  
your specs all der time.  
Ikey—Vy nod, fader?  
"Because you wear der glass out look-  
ing through it so much."—N. Y. World.

## His Way.

The Porter—Did yo' remark dat yo'  
only gib me a quarter, sah?  
The Victim—Yes, I knew it. I never  
do anything by halves.—N. Y. Journal.

## Italian Women.

Of the 11,000,000 women in Italy  
about 2,000,000 are employed in indus-  
trial labor, and over 3,000,000 in agricul-  
ture.—Chicago Tribune.

## A Word to the Foolish.

A wise word to the foolish is some-  
times sufficient.—Chicago Daily News

## Franklin Street.

Some of the property owners of  
South Franklin street held another  
meeting last night to consider the as-  
sessment matter. The cold weather,  
however, kept a good many away and  
nothing was accomplished at the  
meeting.

The Lamp Brewery company of St.  
Louis began this week to build a  
brewery plant on their property in  
Peoria.

## FUNERAL SERVICES

Held Over Remains of Late  
H. C. Montgomery

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Knights Templar Were in Charge  
—Rev. Penhallegon Assisted  
and Music Rendered by  
Church Choir.

The remains of the late H. Clay  
Montgomery were brought to this city  
from Chicago on Friday evening and  
the funeral was held this afternoon at  
2 o'clock from the First Presbyterian  
church.

The body arrived in the city at 7:35  
o'clock Friday evening and was ac-  
companied by John A. Montgomery  
of Ann Arbor, Mich., and T. L. Mont-  
gomery of Ohio, the two brothers,  
and the son, Harry Montgomery, and  
the father-in-law, John Zollars of Ma-  
con, both of whom went to Chicago  
when the news of the death was re-  
ceived. The third brother, Dr. E. D.  
Montgomery of Philadelphia, arrived in  
Decatur at midnight. A Bako-  
straw of Macon came to the city today  
to attend the funeral.

## AT THE DEPOT.

When the body arrived in Decatur  
Friday evening, it was met at the train  
by a delegation of Knights Templar  
composed of Sir Knights B. Z. Taylor,  
John Knowlton, W. O. Halstead, B.  
D. Batchelder, H. R. Matus, Ed Willis,  
J. B. Bullard and H. I. Baldwin.  
The remains were brought to the Bal-  
lard undertaking parlors, where they  
remained until today. The casket was  
not opened. The members of the  
family from out of the city are guests  
at the home of H. I. Baldwin.

## AT THE CHURCH.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock  
this afternoon from the First Presby-  
terian church, of which Mr. Mont-  
gomery was a member, and was  
largely attended by the many friends  
of the deceased. The services were  
entirely in charge of Beaumanoir  
Communiary, No. 3, K. T., the mem-  
bers of which attended in a body.  
Rev. W. H. Penhallegon offered a  
prayer and the full ritualistic service  
of the Knights Templar was con-  
ducted. There were many beautiful  
floral offerings which surrounded the  
casket. The music was rendered by  
the church choir, composed of D. L.  
Bunn, George Dunston, Mrs. W. J.  
Hosetler and Miss Noy Montgomery.  
The hymn, "Lead Kindly Light,"  
was sung in addition to the selections  
which are a part of the ritual service.  
The burial was at Greenwood ceme-  
tery, where the services were very  
brief. A delegation of the com-  
muniary accompanied the remains to  
the grave.

## NOT MADE PUBLIC.

Dr. R. E. Tobey states that the  
letter which was left by Mr. Mont-  
gomery did not contain anything in  
regard to his motive for suicide. He  
says that its contents was of interest  
only to the members of the family and  
that it was not their desire to make  
it public.

The coroner's inquest, which was  
held Friday morning at 10 o'clock,  
developed the fact that Mr. Mont-  
gomery killed himself on Tuesday night  
and was dead until Thursday morning  
before he was found. A change in  
the management of the floor of the  
house in which his room was located  
caused him to be overlooked until  
Thursday, when he was found dead.

## Lost.

Many have lost confidence and hope  
as well as health, because they have  
been told their kidney disease was in-  
curable. Foley's Kidney Cure is a  
guaranteed remedy for the discouraged  
and disheartened. H. W. Bell, N. L.  
Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

The smallest things may exert the  
greatest influence. Do Witt's Little  
Early Risers are unequalled for over-  
coming constipation and liver troubles.  
Small pill, best pill, safe pill. H. W.  
Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East  
End Drug Store.

William Farren, Jr., and Miss Ida  
Laure of Maroa were married Tuesday  
evening.

Horrible agony is caused by Piles  
Burns and Skin Diseases. These are  
immediately relieved and quickly cured  
by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. Be-  
ware of worthless imitations. H. W.  
Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East  
End Drug Store.

—George Short has returned from  
visit to Warrensburg.

—Hon. J. M. Gray will leave Monday  
morning for Springfield to attend to  
preliminary business preceding the  
opening of the legislature.

—Mildred Wallace, daughter of H.  
A. Wallace, is ill.

—Mrs. McGlasson, of East Marietta  
street, is confined to her home with an  
acute attack of stomach trouble.

The Saturday Afternoon Euchre club  
met with Mrs. C. C. LeFors on this after-  
noon.

—Arthur G. Printy, a prominent real  
estate dealer of St. Louis, is spending  
the holidays with P. H. Brueck.

—Attorney B. F. Shipley of Maroa  
transacted business in the city today.

—Miss Bess Cole, who has been the  
guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark, re-  
turned to her home at Hillsboro today.

Services at the Goodway Mission to-  
morrow at 3:15—L. C. Hayes leader.

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This Store will be Closed all day  
MONDAY, JAN. 2, 1899,  
—To give our employes the usual New Year's Holiday.—  
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## PANA STRIKE

Col. Wells is Prepared to  
Act Promptly

IN CASE OF AN OUTBREAK

Rumors of Trouble with the Striking  
Miners—Reinforcements of  
Strikers Expected—Deca-  
tur Guards on Duty.

PANA, ILL., Dec. 31.—The report  
that 1000 union miners from central  
and southern Illinois mining towns  
were to arrive in Pana last night and  
today to assist in driving out the non-  
union negro miners reaching Colonel  
Wells Friday, he appealed to Governor  
Tanner for additional troops and was  
granted reinforcements in Company  
H, 6th infantry, of Decatur, 60 strong,  
who are now here on duty. Colonel  
Wells has had a heavy provost guard  
in charge of the city and patrolling  
the railroad yards and approaches to  
the city and a galling gun division in  
readiness for action, expecting the ar-  
rival of outside miners to be followed  
by serious trouble. No miners have  
arrived. Leaders of the union men  
state positively that the report is  
false, given out by the operators with  
the hope of having additional troops  
sent to Pana and continued here in-  
definitely. Colonel Wells states, how-  
ever, that he has information that  
there is to be a massing of union  
miners in Pana today or Sunday and  
that he is prepared for quelling any  
outbreaks that may occur. The guard  
made a number of arrests last night,  
but there was no serious trouble.

## Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr.  
John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the  
subject, is narrated by him as follows:  
"I was in a most dreadful condition. My  
skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken,  
tongue coated, pain continually in back  
and sides, no appetite—gradually grow-  
ing weaker day by day. Three physi-  
cians had given me up. Fortunately a  
friend advised trying Electric Bitters,  
and to my great joy and surprise, the  
first bottle made a decided improve-  
ment. I continued their use for three  
weeks and am now a well man. I know  
they saved my life and robbed the grave  
of another victim." No one should fail  
to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle  
at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug  
Stores.

## For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says  
he had not spoken above a whisper for  
four months, and one bottle of Foley's  
Honey and Tar restored his voice. It  
is used very largely by speakers and  
singers. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H.  
Hubbard.

The demand for playing cards in  
the United States is enormous, amount-  
ing to something like 10,000,000 packs  
per annum.

## For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich.,  
says: "I have used Foley's Honey and  
Tar in three very severe cases of pneu-  
monia the past month with good re-  
sults." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H.  
Hubbard.

Female fish of all species are con-  
siderably more numerous than males,  
with two exceptions—the angler and  
the catfish.

## No Humbug.

Foley's Honey and Tar does not claim  
to perform miracles. It does not claim  
to cure all cases of consumption or  
asthma, but it does claim to give com-  
fort and relief in advanced stages of  
these diseases and to usually cure early  
stages. It is certainly worth trying by  
those afflicted or threatened with these  
dread diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L.  
Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

John H. Durr, a Champaign con-  
tractor, will move to Clinton.

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## Publication Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, to the

January Term, A. D. 1939.

Stanley Tucker, administrator, vs. Sarah Rider,

John Ann Maden, Albert Maden, James

Maden, Eliza Maden, Ben Johnson, Victoria

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## CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, to the

January Term, A. D. 1939.

Mary E. Bryant, vs. John G. Bryant, divorce.

Affidavit of the non-residence of John

Bryant, the defendant, in the above entitled

cause, having been filed in the office of the

clerk of the circuit court of said county, notice

is hereby given that the first day of the next

January term of the said court to be held at the

court house in the city of Decatur, in the said

county of Macon, on the second Monday of

January, A. D. 1939. Unless you, the said John

Bryant, shall be and appear on the first day

of said court, the said cause shall be taken

pro confesso and a decree rendered according

to the prayer of the petition. Dated this 28th

day of December, A. D. 1938.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.

Hedmon &amp; Hegan, Solicitors for Plaintiff.

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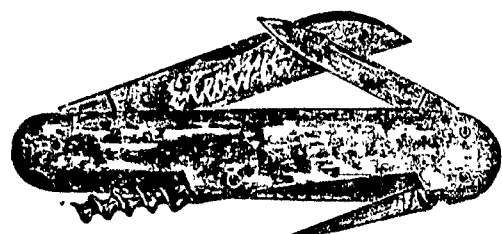
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Happy New Year to everybody!

Smoke the Little J, 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

The Decatur banks will be closed on Monday.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Ex-Queen Natalie of Serbia is said to have the most beautiful teeth of any royal personage in the world.

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Cloyd, the People's Grocer, asks his many customers to remember that his store will not be open on Monday January 2. Leave your orders in time for delivery Saturday.—30-2t

The marriage of Miss Emily Willoughby and Louis Cullison will occur at Macon on January 11.

"I had a running, itching sore on my leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's Ointment took away the burning and itching instantly, and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling Green, O. Sold by all druggists.

There will be communion and reception of members at the Congregational church on Sunday evening. Miss Lou Bear will sing a solo.

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### THE STAGE.

**"WHY SMITH LEFT HOME."**

The first presentation in this city of George H. Broadhurst's latest farce, "Why Smith Left Home," will occur at the Grand Tuesday evening, January 3. The company engaged to illustrate the new farce is a good one and comprises the following clever people: Muelyn Arbuckle, M. B. Snyder, Fred W. Peters, Harry Webster, C. J. Williams, Marion Groux, Annie Youmans, Blanche Chapman, Gertrude Roosevelt, Rose Snyder, Dorothy Usher and Jessie Conant.

"Why Smith Left Home" is said to be one of the cleverest farces on the boards. It involves no shady characters, and its dramatic personae includes no invasions into questionable flats or off-color hotels, which of late years have furnished the reason for being in most farces.

**THE MYSTERY OF L'HASSA.**

Amongst the number of Hindoo illusions which Magician Keller will present during his engagement in this city, none are more mysterious than that which he calls "The Mystery of L'Hassa." He obtained the trick from an old priest in India, who had apparently learned some secrets of nature which other mortals were in ignorance of, for he seemed able to suspend the law of gravitation at will. Placing a plank horizontally, in the air, it remained there. Then, he made a few hypnotic passes over a young girl whom he produced in a most mysterious manner out of space, and placed her body upon the plank. With a polite "Salut may now examine," he stepped aside and Keller tried his best to fathom the trick, but it was too subtle for even his master mind. He purchased it, however, and now includes it in his entertainments, reproducing it almost in the identical manner in which he first saw it in India. He will have a dozen full stage illusions and a feast of now small magic, for his audience, when he comes to this city. He will be at the Grand opera house Wednesday evening, January 4.

**What Do the Children Drink?**

Don't give them tea, or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of their milk. The more GRAIN-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their system. GRAIN-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about 1/4 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

## WOMAN'S CLUB

Has Received 75 New Members and Organized District Federation.

**THE NEW YEAR OPENS UP**

With Interest—General Meeting on Jan. 5—District Federation Feb. 16.

There is no organization in the city that closes the year of 1893 with greater satisfaction in the work accomplished in the past 12 months than the Woman's club. It has flourished in all its branches and its work is marked with all the characteristics that belong to an organization that is an honor to its city, a benefit morally, physically and mentally to its members and an example to those who come in contact with its influences.

In the past year the club has added 75 new names to its membership list, 93 of these being added since September 1.

The district federation was organized in this city on February 25, 1893, with Mrs. Alice C. Wells of the Decatur club as president. No other organizations have been effected but the club has grown steadily in all its branches.

In speaking of the growth of the club since its organization, in a recent article published in the current number of the Club Life, Mrs. Ida W. Baker, the president, says:

"The club has been most fortunate in its selection of officers. Its presidents have received recognition as women of ability both at home and abroad. The founder and president of the club, Mrs. George D. Haworth (now a resident of Chicago) has been appointed to serve on the public library board of this city and elected as a member of the board of education. At a meeting of the state federation at Peoria she was elected treasurer and served two years. She also served as chairman of the credential committee at the meeting held at Jacksonville. Mrs. R. G. Wells, who was the third president of the club is the vice president of the 17th district federation of Woman's clubs. Mrs. George W. Bacon, who followed Mrs. Wells as president, has been highly appreciated by the club and the state and national federations.

Mrs. Minnie P. Hostetler, who was the presiding officer for two years has been honored with a position on the board of education. Mrs. M. T. Randall, who served as president for two years is greatly beloved and highly esteemed by the club members.

Mrs. Baker also speaks in high appreciation of the services of the gentlemen of our city who have contributed much to the club by lectures and talks.

The club has been further honored in the past year by the election of Mrs. Eugenia Bacon as state chairman of correspondence and chairman of the nominating board of the state federation, positions of high honor and responsibility.

Mrs. Minnie P. Hostetler, as a member of the board of education was prominent in the board meetings at the meeting of the Illinois Teachers' association at Springfield this week and her ability has been generally recognized in educational circles of the state.

The work of the different divisions of the club will be taken up in the coming week with a new vim and earnestness. The divisions will meet as follows:

Monday, January 2.—Socias, Mrs. W. F. Gillmore chairman. Subject, Ruskin, Biography, etc. Mrs. Anzi Baker, Mrs. Mary Robertson.

Tuesday, January 3.—Chautauque division, Mrs. Keller chairman. Subject, "Twenty Centuries of English History," "Europe in the 19th Century."

Tuesday, January 3.—Psalms division, Miss Anna Badenhausen chairman. Subject, Homer's "Odyssey." Current events.

Wednesday, January 4.—Shakespeare division, Mrs. Minnie P. Hostetler chairman. Subject, "King John," act 4, iv. Parliamentary rules.

Thursday, January 5.—General meeting.

Friday, January 6.—Musical division.

**GENERAL MEETING.**

On Thursday, January 5, the general business meeting of the club will be held. The directory will meet at 1:30, the general meeting will be held at 2:30 and at 3 o'clock the Child Study division will entertain the general public with a program consisting of a paper on "A Mother's Duty to Herself," by Mrs. S. M. Lutz and songs, recitations and musical numbers by the children of the members of the divisions.

**DISTRICT FEDERATION MEETING**

On the third Thursday in January the first annual meeting of the district federation of woman's club will be held at the Woman's club rooms in this city. This meeting will be of particular interest. Philanthropy and Education will be the principal themes for discussion. Mrs. Bourland of Peoria, honorary president of the state federation; Mrs. Patton of Springfield, and Miss McDowell, prominent in the university settlement

work of Chicago are expected to attend and give interesting talks. There will also be addresses by members of the local club.

There are six clubs in the federation and each club is entitled to five delegates. Thus about 35 visitors are expected. They will be entertained by the members of the local club.

The Musical Culture club and Art class of this city are also included.

### AMONG THE CHURCHES.

**"At Home" at the M. E. Parsonage—Entertainments and Banquets.**

The Ladies' Aid society of the First M. E. church held an informal "at home" at the parsonage with Miss Anne Shuler on Friday afternoon from 3 to 5. About 75 members of the congregation called during the afternoon. A charming dish luncheon was served.

The mita box stood open for contributions and the amount collected more than filled the deficit in the \$600 which the Ladies' Aid society pledged on the church debt.

#### C. E. BANQUET.

The second annual holiday banquet of the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church was held at the residence of Miss Nellie Pratt last evening. There were 75 guests in all, members of the society and their friends.

The banquet was served at 9:15. Following the banquet with S. E. Schminck as toastmaster, the following toasts were given:

"Our Guests, Fair and Strong," Miss Mae Bear; response, Mrs. G. R. Bacon.

"The Society's Album Unopened and Looked at by an ex-Member of the Society," H. M. Scott; response by G. W. Battles.

"Prophecy of an Endeavorer's Heart and Brain," Arthur Lindsay; response by Miss Jennie Bishop.

Musio—Piano, Miss Frances Cake; vocal, Richard Glover.

"A College Day with a College Boy," Miss Lou Bear; response by J. A. Schminck.

"A College Day with a College Girl," H. C. Schaun; response by Miss Jeannette Drake.

#### YEAR PARTY.

A "Year Party" was given at the Christian tabernacle under the direction of Mrs. M. E. Oulvin last evening. The months of the year and the seasons were impersonated by the members of the Ladies' Aid society.

The entertainment was financially a success. Those who assisted in the program were Mesdames Jennie Havas, Nettie Colby, Olive Warnick, Wilbur Humphrey, Laura W. Hall, Lenora Calvin, Helen B. Dick, Daisy Gray, Libbie Brobaker, Mary E. Lilly and Misses Louise Meritts, Fay Conover, Nona Mount, Elva Calvin, Florence Hatch, Bertha Roddy, Fleeta Emmert and Eva Humphrey.

Rev. M. B. Spayd will deliver an address at Faithful Lodge, I. O. G. T., in their meeting in the Colliery block this evening.

There will be communion services and reception of members at the Congregational and First Presbyterian churches on Sunday morning.

#### UNION MISSION NOTES.

Santa Claus and a fine program Saturday evening. Reserved seats for the Mission school and their families, also for those who have opened their homes for our meetings; these are especially invited. Doors open at 6:15.

There are many last year's dolls, toys and picture books that have done their work and would still gladden the hearts in many less favored homes. The Mission tree on Saturday evening affords opportunity for the gladdening. All who wish to share in this leave your bundles at Riley & Mann's office over City Book store. Bundles of clothing, orders for provisions or coal equally appreciated. They will reach the tree Saturday evening.

The coming annual report of the Mission will show a very large amount of work done among the worthy poor. The director of the spiritual work committee, E. S. Johnson, assisted by Father R. B. Rathford and Mrs. L. Chappelow, chairman of our rescue committee have done a most self-sacrificing work, both in the cottage meetings and in the jail services. One hundred and 20 cottage meetings, fifty jail services, besides the regular Sunday gospel meetings and Sunday school have been held. Hundreds have been helped to clothing and provisions through the donation of friends of the work.

#### National Union.

W. T. Sherman Council, No. 172, met on Thursday evening and the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:

President—G. B. Ashton.

Vice President—T. R. Cooper.

Ex-President—F. O. Rike.

Speaker—L. S. Shoemaker.

Secretary—C. T. Pope.

Treasurer—Gay P. Lewis.

Chaplain—E. E. Buttz.

Usher—Eugene Head.

Sergeant—Robert P. Humble.

Doorkeeper—C. S. Neeldham.

Trustees—L. E. Foster, W. R. Buckmaster, W. R. Brasie.

Deputy—Samuel Hoover.

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Tonight the year of 1898 will forever pass away and the new year of 1899 will begin. In looking back over the 12 months just past it is seen that many important events have taken place and much has been done which will go down in history. The new year which we enter upon tomorrow will close the 19th century and will probably bring with it many changes.

The year of 1898 in this country started peacefully, but during the 12 months between the beginning and the end a war with a foreign power was declared and successfully carried to a victorious and peaceful conclusion, and now the year closes with the same peace which provided when the year began. Few countries can show such a record. Moreover we begin the new year with additional territory scattered in various parts of the world and acquired by warfare. Within the one short year the country has placed itself in the position of a first class naval and military power and is respected by all nations of the world.

For several years past the country has suffered with hard times. That there is a slow but steady and healthy return of prosperity is a fact which is not disputed. Decatur was one of the last cities in this part of the state to feel the hard times and it is natural that she should be one of the last to feel the revival, but as a matter of fact for some time past there has been a recovery of business. In the east times are better and this same prosperity is gradually coming west and is being felt in business circles in this locality. While some may say that the past year has been a bad one for them it cannot be truthfully said that Decatur has suffered greatly. The city has steadily progressed and much has been done in the way of improvement. The city has laid many miles of paving, sidewalks and curbing, has purchased new machinery and has given employment to hundreds of men. Money has been expended by private corporations in the improvement of their plants, the farmers of the community have had a fair crop of corn and are getting better prices.

One important industry which has done much to help the city is that of the railroad business. The division offices of the Wabash superintendent being moved to this city brought with it many advantages. New families have come to Decatur to make their homes and consequently have brought more money and more prominence to the city. The Illinois Central promises the city a new depot during the next year and while the people have looked forward to this for a good many years past it is now an assured fact that it is to be constructed in 1899. The same road will also build a new freight house south of the present one. While there has not been as much building in the city as is usual many persons have improved their residence and business properties. A new packing house, a new cereal mill and other buildings have been constructed and Decatur is promised several new industries during the coming year.

When the situation is viewed from a sensible point of view the outlook on every hand is certainly an encouraging one for Decatur. During the year the city had one of the largest and most successful corn shows ever held in the state. Decatur did her part in the war by furnishing her quota of soldiers who have gone to war and returned again all within the year. We have also been honored by a visit from President McKinley and other high officials. To say that the year of 1898 was not an eventful one for Decatur would be at least unfair, and we certainly can look back with some pride on what has been accomplished. A brief summary which is given below of the doings in the various departments and institutions of the city and county during the year may be of interest now, at the time when every one is taking their trial balance and endeavoring to ascertain on which side they stand.

## CITY BUSINESS

In the way of public improvement much has been done in Decatur during the year of 1898. Streets have been paved, curbs laid, sidewalks constructed, sewers built, water pipes put in and machinery has been purchased. Thousands of dollars have been expended in the various departments. Everything considered the year has been a rather eventful one for the city and the corporation is in better condition than it ever was before as far as being prepared to operate the different departments. The funds are running a little low but there will be enough to run the city until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

The amount on hand in the different funds are as follows:

Parks.....	\$ 121.43
Repairs on paved streets.....	72.12
Sidewalks and crossings.....	2588.51
Cleaning crossings.....	184.06
Cleaning streets.....	1347.81
Public improvement.....	2502.73
Health.....	506.62
Light.....	1186.99
Law.....	177.66
Police.....	6088.12
Contingent.....	316.80
Fire department.....	6134.72
Water works.....	1500.00
Street and alleys.....	1425.00
Interest.....	1500.00
Rent.....	1425.00

## THREE MILES OF PAVING.

During the year of 1898 there have been laid in the city of Decatur 16,567 feet, or about three miles of street paving, varying in width from 30 to 36 feet. The following figures given by Earl Colladay, of the city engineer's office, show the streets which were paved, the nature of the pavement, the length, contract price and total cost:

South Main street, 1070 feet, one course brick, concrete foundation, with tar filler; contract price \$1.38 per yard; total cost \$271.25.  
Morgan street, 2860 feet, two course brick, cement filler; contract price \$1.49, total cost \$13,682.35.  
Sauganum street, 479 feet, two course brick, cement filler; contract price \$1.49 per yard, total cost \$2679.46.  
Horkimer and Jasper streets, 4113 feet, two course brick, cement filler; contract price \$1.46 per yard, total cost \$24,145.61.  
Monroe and Packard streets, 3658 feet, two course brick, sand filler; contract price \$1.38 per yard; total cost \$17,871.24.  
Church street, 3271 feet, one course brick, with asphalt filler; contract price \$1.48 per yard; total cost \$20,697.68.  
West Wood street, 730 feet, two course brick, with tar filler; contract price \$1.43 per yard; total cost \$4872.01.

This makes a total cost of \$56,720.00 for the three miles of paving. In addition to the above which was done by the city, one block on East Central street was paved with brick and cement filled at the cost of the Decatur Brewing company. The city gave the grade and the work was done by private contract. Besides the paving which was done by the city some streets were gravelled. A part of Van Dyke street was graded and gravelled by the city and the rest by the township. South Franklin street for a distance of 3461 feet was gravelled at a cost of \$2411.

## CURBING AND SIDEWALKS.

During the year there has been placed 32,185 feet of stone curbing at 31¢, cents, making a total cost of \$11,103.82. This money has been well expended as the appearance of the city has been greatly improved by the curbing and cement sidewalks. In the business district of the city there has been constructed about half a mile of cement sidewalks and the cost of both brick and cement sidewalks laid during the year in different parts of the city was about \$5000.

A lateral sewer was constructed in the northeast part of the city at a cost of \$750 and the big Oakland sewer, which is now being laid, will cost when completed \$7150.

## WATER AND ELECTRIC PLANT.

Since May last \$20,000 has been paid on the water works improvement debt. Water pipes to the amount of about \$10,000 worth have been laid, and an office for the water inspector was built which, with the motor tester, other appliances and furnishings, cost about \$1000.

A great improvement has been made in the electric lighting plant of the city. Two new dynamos were purchased and the lighting capacity thereby increased. The city paid for these machines \$2875 in cash and also gave the old dynamos on which was placed a valuation of \$1200.

## IMPROVEMENT OF PARKS.

The park commissioners have expended since the annual appropriation last May \$4878.57 in the improvements of the public parks and they have made good use of the money. Fair-lawn park has been additionally beautified. Culverts were built and many little improvements were made to add to the comfort and pleasure of those who visit the place.

The commissioners also gave their attention to Central park. Broad cement sidewalks were laid, consequently making the place much more attractive. The fountain in the center

of the park was put in order and two drinking fountains were placed for the use of the public.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The amount of patronage at the Decatur public library during the past year has been much greater than during the year before, a fact which speaks well for the people of the city, indicating as it does that more persons are taking advantage of the educational benefits to be derived from this, Decatur's most popular institution. The library is pleasant located on the fifth floor of the Powers block and every convenience and comfort is provided for those who visit the place and those in charge. The chief librarian, Mrs. Alice Evans has the following assistants: Miss Minnie A. Dill, Miss Charlotte Hawes, Miss Clara Abel and Miss Mabel Wayne. There are now in the library a total of 17,292 volumes. Below are given some figures which are of interest.

## CIRCULATION.

Total number books loaned during the year, 95,907.  
Number of visitors to reading room, 126,202.

Total number of visitors to reading room and library, 224,109.

## COMPARISONS.

The increase in the business of the library is shown by the following comparative figures for the months of December of 1897 and 1898:

Books loaned December 1897, 8774.	
Books loaned December, 1898, 10,930.	
An increase of 2156.	
Visitors to reading room December, 1897, 11,698.	
Visitors to reading room December, 1898, 14,573.	
An increase of 2875.	

## RE-CLASSIFIED.

The entire library has been re-classified, shelf listed and labeled during the past year. This necessitated the shifting of every book in the library to accord with the new classification and the undertaking was a tedious one for the librarian and her assistants. During the month of August a new charging system was introduced and has since been in successful operation.

## FIRES IN 1898.

The new year will see the city fire department in better condition than it ever has been before. There are now 23 men on the force, including Chief Duvore, and the city owns 15 horses, two chemicals, two hose wagons, an exercise wagon, one steamer, one hook and ladder truck and one cart for the chief.

During the past year the number of fires and the amount of loss has been less than the ordinary year. The following shows the number of fires, false alarms and still alarms: January, 1 fire, 1 false alarm; February, 4 fires, 1 false alarm; March, 4 fires, 1 still alarm; April, 5 fires; May, 1 fire, 1 still alarm; June, 6 fires; July, 10 fires, 1 false alarm; August, 8 fires, 2 still alarms, 1 false alarm; September, 3 fires; October, 5 fires, 2 still alarms; November, 4 fires; December, 1 fire. Total, 59 fires in a year, 4 false alarms and 6 still alarms.

In the year 1897 the department responded to 158 alarms, so it will be seen that the number of alarms during the past year, which was 69, has been less than half the number of the years previous.

## THE LOSSES.

The following tables shows the losses by fire in the city during 1898, the first column indicating the loss on building and the second column the loss on contents of same:

Month.	Building.	Contents.
January—no loss.		
February.....	\$440	\$201
March.....	168	30
April.....	133	30
May.....	497	145
June.....	644	802
July.....	281	83
August.....	83	10
September.....	130	18
October.....	634	350
November.....	390	600
December.....	3632	\$2951

Total loss on buildings in 1898 was \$4632 and in 1897 loss on same by fires was \$4072.33. Total loss on contents in 1898 was \$2951, while during the year 1897 it reached \$6330.25. Both the number of fires and the amount of loss was much less in 1898 than in 1897.

## THE POOR FARM.

There have been received at the Macon county poor farm during the year of 1898 45 inmates. Three have died

and 43 were discharged. There were no births, a fact which is unusual in previous years there has always been several additions to the family. Of the 47 inmates now at the poor farm three-fifths are foreigners and two-thirds have never been married.

The asylum during the past year was painted on the outside and the roof repaired and painted. An estimate made two years ago showed that the cost of keeping an inmate at the farm for one week was 67 cents and during the past year the cost will not run above that amount. During the year there was used at the farm the following amount of necessities: Coal 135 tons, meat 4000 pounds, flour 6700 pounds, corn meal 6800 pounds, coffee 225 pounds, tea 40 pounds, salt 6 pounds, rice 400 pounds, hominy 260 pounds. Seventeen head of hogs and three head of cattle were killed for meat. During the past five years, during which time W. C. Burley has been acting as steward, there has been paid out for meat but \$17.40 in cash and that was on account of the loss by hog cholera. Mr. Burley states that he is informed that Champaign county pays out for meat each year about \$1800, Sangamon county about \$1100 and McLean county \$1700.

On the poor farm, which consists of 200 acres, there was raised during the past year 55 acres of corn, 20 acres of wheat, 25 acres of oats, 6 acres of potatoes and 2 acres of beans. For mowland 25 acres was used and the rest was in pasture. The land produced 150 bushels of apples, 260 bushels of potatoes, 555 bushels of oats, 175 bushels of wheat and 2500 bushels of corn. Since September 1, 1873, there has been admitted to the county poor farm 1970 inmates. During the same length of time 137 deaths and 63 births have occurred. The last of next March W. C. Burley's long term of office expires and the newly elected steward W. H. Kirkman will assume charge.

## YEAR AT Y. M. C. A.

During the past year the Young Men's Christian Association of Decatur has had its ups and downs. At the beginning of the year the association was in good shape but on account of the fact that there was no gymnasium instructor and also on account of the hard times the membership dropped off. Later, however, over 100 young men have joined the institution and the net increase has been probably 50 members. The total membership at present is about 350.

A few months ago Harry Patterson assumed charge of the place as general secretary, succeeding T. W. Stewart, who resigned. Hal Hotelling was engaged about a month ago as physical instructor and has already formed large gymnasium classes which are well attended. The fact that the gymnasium was again made an important feature of the association caused many young men to become members. There is now being considered a plan to move into larger quarters and the matter will be finally decided when the board of directors hold their meeting on January 12.

During the past year the attendance at gospel meetings has been 1398, attendance at prayer meetings 105 and attendance at Bible study 62. There have been four conversions and five requests for prayers at the various meetings. Employment was found for two young men. The attendance at receptions was 650, at committee meetings 27 and 24 informal talks were made. There have been made 743 visits to the gymnasium, and an attendance at gymnasium classes of 175. The number of baths taken at the rooms was 1462. The total attendance for the year was 15,500.

## CORONER'S WORK.

During the past year Coroner Bondura and his deputy, Roy Bondura, have held 33 inquests. The number of sudden and accidental deaths is on the decrease. In 1897 there were 46, while in 1898 there were but 33. The various causes of the deaths which required the attention of the coroner were as follows:

Heart disease.....	5
Other natural causes.....	9
Accidents on railroads.....	6
Suicides.....	7
Accidental poisoning.....	2
Lightning.....	1
Murder.....	1
Electricity.....	1
Unknown cause.....	1
Total.....	33

The following are the names of those who within the past year met with unusual deaths, together with the cause and the date of the inquest: Mary I. Mallory, a child, January 3, strychnine poisoning accidentally obtained.  
Phillip Delaney, February 5, fell dead from his chair.

D. F. Voro, February 9, brakeman on the Wabash railroad, fell between cars one mile west of Decatur.

E. J. Crawford, February 15, hanged himself in his barn loft at Forsythe.

Curtis Komp, February 18, accidentally fell under Wabash engine in Decatur yards.

Charles H. Childs, March 12, committed suicide by shooting himself with pistol while temporarily insane.

Miss Willie A. Royston, March 12, suffered an attack of heart disease and fell from porch at Ewing residence.

Charles Olapool, March 25, committed suicide by stepping in front of moving train in Wabash yards at Decatur.

Joseph Smith (colored), May 2, fell under gravel train on P. D. and E. road while stealing a ride.

Daniel Seaton, May 19, died from stroke of lightning.

W. H. Robinson, June 30, committed suicide by taking laudanum.

Henry J. Strunk, July 18, died from injuries received on Wabash right of way while trespassing on same.

Katie McKenzie, infant, July 25, accidentally drinking gasoline.

Clarence Tolford, August 2, murdered by Louis A. Clevenger at Sheep's Ford east of Decatur.

Seth Anott, August 24, jumped from Wabash train while beating his way.

Walter Lee, August 27, by an electric shock from a loose wire which came in contact with trolley wire.

H. Dickerson, September 2, killed by train while trespassing on P. D. and E. right of way.

Henry R. Miller, September 26, committed suicide by taking laudanum.

Unknown Man, October 17, found dead on the Allen farm, south of the city.

H. A. White, December 6, committed suicide by asphyxiation at Angle hotel at Decatur.

William A. Brooks, December 24, apoplexy, found dead in his bed.

Charles Schunbach, December 29, committed suicide by shooting himself in his room.

Those who died of heart disease and natural causes:

Mrs. E. B. Trull, January 5.	
Artemus Hawes, January 10.	
Mrs. S. Hughes, February 21.	
Mrs. Lassar Braden, February 22.	
Infant of Artie Owens, March 9.	
George W. Thompson, May 20.	
Mrs. Eliza Pratt, August 22.	
Infant of Lizzie Warren, October 6.	
Infant of S. Fertoch, October 20.	
Infant P. J. Hickey, November 26.	
Arthur F. Dempsey, infant, December 21.	

## DEATHS IN 1898.

There has occurred in Decatur during the year of 1898 313 deaths. This number includes those who died out of the city and were brought to this city for burial and also those who died in the city and were buried elsewhere. The greatest number of deaths in any one month was 33 in March and the smallest number in one month was 20 in May June and December. The number of deaths each month of the year was as follows:

January.....	25
February.....	23
March.....	33
April.....	21
May.....	20
June.....	20
July.....	32
August.....	32
September.....	25
October.....	30
November.....	30
December.....	21
Total for 1898.....	313

The above deaths were due to many different causes and are shown on the books kept by the city clerk.

## OLD SETTLERS.

Below is given a list of the old settlers of Macon county who have died during the year of 1898, term old settlers being used in the sense of one who has lived in the county for 30 years or more. The name, date of death and age of each, is as follows:

Mrs. Lizzie J. Traughbar, January 3, 61 years.	
Mrs. E. B. Trull, January 5, 86.	
Samuel Hott, January 9, 69.	
Mrs. Elizabeth Luss, January, 78.	
Mrs. Judith Oglesby McClellan, January 9, 74.	
Henry F. May, January 10, 53.	
Mrs. Lucretia Shaffer, January 20, 66.	
Mrs. Francis Pharis, January 30, 62.	
J. C. Lako, February 7, 65.	
Thomas Waddell, February 9, 60.	
Mrs. Ida R. Downing, February 13, 40.	
W. T. Cole, February 13, 76.	
Mrs. W. H. Bean, February 14, —.	
Mrs. Mary Frahm, February 11, 74.	
Mrs. Laura A. Brayden, February 21, 78.	
William J. Brown, February 22, 71.	
Mrs. Anna Rodgers, February 23, 90.	

Mrs. Mary Moran Hughes, February 27, 67.

Mrs. M. J. Muirhead, February 28, 65.

W. T. Wells, March 1, 64.

Mrs. Charlotte Elson, March 1, 78.

Mrs. Martha A. Brown, March 14, 70.

Mrs. Claybourn Jones, March 15, 77.

Madison D. Phillips, March 17, 61.

Mrs. Juliana Acom, March 28, 80.

Samuel Myers, April 9, 80.

Elizabeth McDonald, April 23, 55.

Mrs. Alta Irwin, April 29, 58.

Mrs. Mary Gouker, April 30, 71.

John B. Burnwell, May 10, 60.

John F. Dalbridge, May 16, 71.

Mrs. Mary Ann King, May 20, 53.

Mrs. J. W. Pierson.

B. F. Montgomery, May 25, 54.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Query, June 3, 83.

Louisa J. Abrams, June 18, 66.

Mrs. Elrich, June 18, 70.

John P. Holliday, June 29, 77.

Mrs. Mary S. Innan, July 10, 67.

Jesse Lockhart, July 12, 72.

Mrs. J. W. Logan, July 13, 45.

David W. Garver, July 15, 63.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Eichinger, July 17, 51.

George Jones, July 18, 42.

W. A. Albur, July 23, 72.

Elmer Heiser, July 26, 86.

Mrs. Edna Davidson, August 1, 46.

John Winnings, August 3, 67.

Mrs. Eliza Pratt, August 22, 85.

George Oren,



## RECONCILIATION

Another Chapter in the  
Rev. Howell Affair.

## WRONGED HUSBAND'S COURSE

Revives the Whole Story—Divorced  
Wife Again at the Altar—  
Married in Kan-  
sas.

WARRENSBURG, MO., Dec. 31.—It was thought that the closing chapters of the sensational exploits of Mrs. Henderson, who eloped with Rev. Howell, the pastor of the Columbus Christian church, some months since, were ended with the suicide of the preacher in Kansas November 7 and the subsequent divorce of Henderson from his wife about a month ago. But Henderson disappeared from his residence in Columbus a few days since. It now transpires that he met his divorced wife at Independence and there procured a license for their remarriage, and that they then proceeded to Houston, on the Lexington branch of the Missouri Pacific, where they were remarried on Wednesday.

## TROOPS TO CUBA

Urgent Orders Sent to Gen. Wilson  
at Macon, Ga.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Orders have been issued for the dispatch of additional troops to Cuba to assist in the maintenance of good government there. The orders are addressed to General Wilson, commanding the First Army corps with headquarters at Macon, Ga. The secretary of war directs that the headquarters of that corps, originally fixed at Cienfuegos, be changed to Mantanzas, and that the Sixth Massachusetts, the One Hundred and Sixtieth Indiana, and the Third Kentucky be put in readiness, well armed and equipped for field service, and supplied with thirty days' rations and forage in addition that may be required for the journey.

## LOAN CASH.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 31.—An order of distribution was entered last night in the Inter-State Building and Loan association case. The sum of \$155,000, 25 per cent of the liabilities, will be distributed. Receiver Barry mailed the checks. He expects to realize at least 25 per cent more later on.

## TROUBLE NOW.

CARLISLE, ILL., Dec. 31.—Everything is serene at the coal shaft and all workmen went to work except "Tuck." With the top weighman, whom the miners accused of using plugged weights. Superintendent Butels yielded to the pressure and released Mr. Witt, and all the miners were satisfied. Mr. Witt will, no doubt, be given a position by the company that the miners can not object to.

## Unclaimed Letters.

Marshall W. W. Mason has received two letters for persons in this city who were sent in his care. One is addressed to Mrs. Minnie Waterman and is from Danville. The other letter was enclosed in the same envelope with a note to Marshall Mason. The letter is evidently intended for someone whose first name is Kate and whose husband is named Brown and is employed as a brakeman on the Wabash. It is supposed that the letter is intended for Mrs. Kate Brown if there is such a person living in the city. Both letters contain news of importance and if the proper owners are now in the city they can have the letters by calling upon Marshall Mason at police headquarters.

## Howling News.

At the Floyd alley Friday evening the members of the Whole Thing team defeated the Dewey team, but only by four points. The total for the Whole Things was 1977 and for the Deweys 1973. The best score was 200 and was made by Masterson of the winning team. Morrison of the Dewey team made 195, which was the next best score. F. C. Stoenesand, manager of the Whole Things challenges any team that will play with them.

## BEWEERS PLAY.

At Brinkmeyer's alley Friday night 13 men from the brewery played a game. Six were from the bottling works and six were from the brewery proper. The bottling department was represented by Lichtenberger, Scherer,

Speath, Hoke, Drohl and Lahue. The brewery team was composed of Storminger, Jamison, Koch, Heisler, Schiller and Hausseman.

## PRIZES.

At Duke's alleys prizes will be distributed to the champion bowlers at Duke's alleys. There are three prizes, \$5, \$3, and \$2, for the best scores made during December. Mr. Floyd offers the same prizes to his patrons with the addition of a prize of \$2.50 for the best lady bowler.

## PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

More than 100 laudatory poems have been sent to Lord Kitchener since his return to England. Prof. Kittridge, of Harvard, is said to be the only man living who can read Elliot's Indian Bible.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., recently had his finger crushed while coupling cars on the New York Central railroad, on which he has been employed as a mechanical engineer.

Lord Leicester has 11,000 swans upon a estate at Abbotsburg, a charming little village a few miles from Weymouth, England. The cost of caring for the swans averages over \$10,000 per year.

"Most of my boyhood," says F. Marion Crawford, "was spent under a French governess. From her I learned, in her language, geography and arithmetic, so that now I write French as easily as English."

Princess Theresa of Bavaria is a scientific writer of considerable merit. She has already published one book on South America, and is now at work on another, to get materials for which she made a journey of exploration in the wildest parts of Brazil.

That there is after all some sort of "honor among thieves" is shown by a recent communication to a leading paper of Palermo, Sicily. Caudino, a noted brigand, writes that one Galbo, a notorious member of his band, has been expelled for discourteous and unmanly conduct in his dealings with the public.

The Journal Officiel lately contained in a list of pensions granted to widows of French officers the name of Berthe Amelie Bertinocourt, widow of the late Col. Henry, who committed suicide in prison after having confessed that the Dreyfus bordereau was a forgery. She gets 1,667 francs a year, or about \$333.

Mantegazza has written a Utopian romance, in which he expresses the opinion that in the year 3000 all countries of the world will form one federation, the United States of the World, and there will be but one government, with only four ministries—of agriculture, hygiene, education and commerce.

## ALMOST HOME.

The Sad and Impressive Ceremony of  
a Soldier's Burial  
at Sea.

When war is done and the great ships turn their bows toward home, laden with the true heroes of a nation, it is then that gladness comes into the hearts of those at home whose loved ones are returning; but many a heart is heavy with woe, for their loved ones have fallen in a foreign land, where they fought under the banner of the Cross, and in the records of our honored dead many a soldier will have "Buried at sea" after his name.

There was hardly a single transport that made its homeward voyage that did not experience the sad rites over the body of some poor soldier who had started for home full of hope, and some of the ships buried many in the deep. A burial at sea is not so terrible as one on land, where the body is placed in the ground, for somehow the restless waters seem to forever mourn in ceaseless motion.

When everything is in readiness the great engines cease their throbbing and the officers and men gather on the after deck to do the last honor to a brave man. Comrades carry the body, that has been wrapped in his blankets and sewed in sail-cloth, to the tilting-board, where it is draped in the folds of the flag for which he gave his life. Around the deck are grouped his comrades and mess-mates, who stand reverentially attentive to these last honors, and scarcely a sound breaks the stillness, except the splashing of the waves against the ship's sides as she tosses easily on the seas. An occasional order seems to be strangely out of place, and every one treads lightly and speaks softly, in subdued voice, as though fearing to awaken their comrade from his final sleep. The chaplain reads the service and offers his prayer, which includes the living with the dead; a prayer for the rest of the soul that has flown from a noble body, and a prayer for those who have still a few hours before they, too, go to join the great majority—a prayer of sorrow and of thanksgiving.

The trumpeter plays the slow, mournful notes of "Taps," that tell of the last "lights out," and as the final long, clear note dies out, and is lost across the water, the board is slowly raised and the body gently slips into the sea, its eternal resting-place, and over the eddying waters the firing-squad thunder the last three volleys. Then the great wheels again commence their grind and send the ship toward home.—Leslie's Weekly.

## Base Ball.

Manager Menke, of Mattoon, has called a meeting of those interested in forming an Inter-State base ball league for the coming season, to be held in Decatur at the St. Nicholas hotel on Wednesday, January 11. An effort will be made to include Decatur in the list of cities.

Mrs. R. C. Augustine entertained her Sunday school class of Wesley at her home from 4 to 7 on Thursday afternoon.

H. R. Arnett has gone to Bloomington to spend Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. S. J. Bumstead, who has been suffering from an attack of the grip, is better.

The new Illinois Central depot at Champaign will be heated from the steam heating plant at the round house near by.

## THE INSTITUTE

Program was Arranged by  
Committee This Af-  
ternoon.

MANY FARMERS WILL BE HERE

To Take Part in the Big Institute—A  
Long List of Special Prizes  
are Offered for Ex-  
hibits.

The members of the committee having the matter in charge met this afternoon at the court house and arranged the program for the Macon County Farmers' Institute, which will be held at Decatur, January 24, 25 and 26. The institute this year promises to be the best ever held. The program for the three days will be briefly as follows:

First Day—President W. H. Bean's address; prayer by Rev. Hawkins; Eugene Davenport of the University of Illinois on "Farmers' Relations to the State Agricultural College"; Fred H. Rankin on "Points on Pork."

Second Day—"When and How to Feed Sheep," by Jacob Zeigler; address by David Felony; "Cattle Raising and Feeding," by John Imboden, followed by general discussion; "How Can the Farmer's Wife Help Raise the Mortgage," by Mrs. G. A. Waring; "Illinois Farmers' Institutes," Charles F. Mills; at evening session Joe Carter will speak on "Clover."

Third Day—"Practical Butter Making," by Mrs. Perviance; "Apples in Illinois," by Thomas J. Burroll.

There will be sessions in the evening and each day the addresses will be interrupted with music. There will also be a big exhibition of products of the farm. Special premiums and other matters of importance were arranged at the meeting this afternoon. The last day the exhibits will be sold and officers elected.

## COMMITTEES.

The committee who will be in charge are as follows:

President—W. H. Bean.  
Vice President—E. R. Moffett.  
Secretary—C. A. Thrift.  
Assistant—J. B. Burrows.  
Treasurer—C. H. Scott.

Executive Committee—Frank Muirhead of Harriestown, David Wellogg of Macon, J. W. Walker of Oakley, Dering Burrows of Long Creek, John Rucker and C. E. Wheeler.  
Program Committee—Frank Muirhead, C. A. Thrift, C. H. Scott, J. W. Walker and W. H. Bean.  
Exhibit—David Wellogg, C. E. Wheeler, John Rucker, William Blinkley, John Walker, C. H. Scott, Frank Muirhead, George Botzer and E. R. Moffett.  
Music Committee—E. R. Moffett, J. B. Burrows and Frank W. Westhoff.

## QUASHED BY DEATH.

PEORIA, ILL., Dec. 31.—Louis Ahrens, alias Ghroek, under arrest for the murder of William Nanning of Chicago at Mossville, Ill., died in the county hospital in this city today.

## RECORD BROKEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 31.—The coinage of the San Francisco mint for December was the largest ever recorded for a single month, amounting to \$10,002,000.

## BANK STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The weekly bank statement shows reserve decreased \$438,075, loans increased \$6,095,600, deposits increased \$3,085,900. The banks hold \$19,130,915 in excess of legal requirements.

## Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Trial bottles 10c, of this Great Discovery at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

## St. James Church.

The members of St. James' German Catholic church will on Sunday evening at the Turner hall repeat the Christmas cantata which they gave on last Monday evening at the school house. There was such a large crowd that it was impossible to accommodate them so it was decided to repeat the entertainment at the Turner hall.

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

The members of Couer de Leon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, had a "ladies' night" reception last evening, which was a very pleasant affair.

Preparatory service at the English Lutheran church this evening at 7:30.

# 1800 REMnants...

## AT 1/2 PRICE!

During this week we will Sell Remnants in Dress Goods, Silks, Flannels, Prints, Muslin, Table Linen, Tickings, Shirtings, Etc., At ONE-HALF Their Original Price.

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DRY GOODS & MILLINERY  
Decatur, Ill.

## EARLY MORNING FIRES.

House on East Herkimer Street Entirely Destroyed—Another Damaged.

The house owned by Mrs. R. C. Hamsher, located at 323 East Herkimer street was burned to the ground this morning about 2 o'clock. It was occupied by Mr. Gabriel, who formerly conducted a bakery in the Gobhart building on North Water street. All his household goods were destroyed. The roof of the house adjoining was burned. The fire started from a defective flue. Mrs. Hamsher's loss will be about \$800 and Mr. Gabriel's loss will reach \$200. The loss on the adjoining house will probably be about \$100.

## First M. E. Church.

Instead of the regular service at the First M. E. church on Sunday evening there will be a song service by the choir assisted by Roy Sanner, violinist. The program is as follows:

Organ Prelude—St. Cecilia, Offertory, op. 10, B-flat.

Hymn—"Holy, Holy, Holy," Apostles Creed—Congregation. Prayer—Pastor.

Response—Choir. Anthem, "Alpha and Omega" Swainer—Choir.

First Scripture—Pastor. Anthem, "Manger of Bethlehem"—Choir.

Second Scripture—Pastor. Violin Solo—Roy Sanner.

Duet, "Hail to the Monarch," Marton—Muslanus Chor and Hunt. Offertory, "Simple Confession," Thome.

Address—Pastor. Anthem, "Come Near Ye Nations," Watson—Choir.

Benediction. Postlude, "Toccata," Dabois.

Mrs. Kyle, living northwest of the city, is very ill.

Mrs. G. A. Danly, of West Pugh street, is ill.

Mrs. J. H. Rowland will return tomorrow from a visit of two months with relatives at Fort Scott, Kansas.

We Wish  
All Our Patrons a  
Merry Christmas  
AND  
Happy New Year!

And thank you for past Patronage.

DON'T FORGET

That we are making Lower Prices on

Heavy Overcoats  
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Winter Caps and Underwear,  
Lined Gloves and Mittens,  
THAN FOUND ELSEWHERE.

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TUESDAY JANUAR  
Geo. H. Broadhurst's Ghostl  
tude—First Time in Decatur

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SOME OF THE COMPAN  
Maclyn Arbuckle, Mrs. Annie V.  
M. B. Snyder, Blanche Cha  
Harry Webster, Rose Snyder  
Fred W. Peters, Dorothy U  
Jessie Conant, Gertrude Co

—PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c and  
Reserved Seats on Hale the Opera Ho  
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WEDNESDAY, JAN

—THE GREAT—

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Presenting Everything New  
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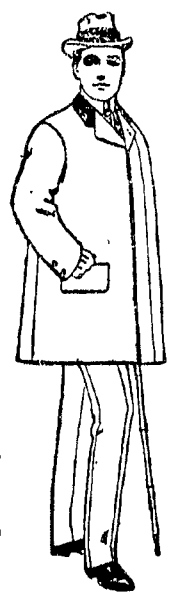
—PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c and  
Seats on sale at the Opera House  
Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Macon County Teachers' E  
tions, 1890.  
1. First Saturday in February.  
2. First Saturday in April.  
3. First Saturday in June.  
4. At close of Teachers' Institute.  
5. First Saturday of November.  
Examinations will begin promptly at  
Office day, Saturday.  
JOHN L. KELLER Co.  
Decatur, Ill.



NTS...  
CE!  
will Sell Rem-  
Goods, Silks,  
Muslin, Table  
Shirtings, Etc.,  
Cut Price.  
Continues until every  
Sult or Overcoat is  
sold, for Man or Boy.  
OTTENHEIMER & CO.,  
The Reliable Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.  
MASONIC TEMPLE BLOCK.  
Patrons a  
Christmas  
New Year!  
for past Patronage.  
FORGET  
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Overcoats  
Suits  
Caps and Underwear,  
Gloves and Mittens,  
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Can Buy  
Fine Suits  
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CHEAP.  
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Sale  
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TUESDAY JANUARY 3.  
Geo. H. Broadhurst's Gloeful Plenti-  
tude—First Time in Decatur—

WHY  
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...The ? of the Hour...  
SOME OF THE COMPANY:  
Maelyn Arbuckle, Mrs. Annie Yamans,  
M. H. Snyder, Blanche Chapman,  
Harry Webster, Rose Snyder,  
Fred W. Peters, Dorothy Usher,  
Jessie Conant, Gertrude Rosovolt.  
—PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.—  
Reserved Seats on Sale the Opera House Drug  
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New Features, including  
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To which has been added many New,  
Startling and Remarkable Features.  
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Seats on sale at the Opera House drug store  
Monday morning at 8 o'clock.  
Macon County Teachers' Examina-  
tions, 1899.  
1. First Saturday in February.  
2. First Saturday in April.  
3. First Saturday in June.  
4. At close of teachers' institute.  
5. First Saturday of November.  
Examinations will begin promptly 8:45 a. m.  
Office day, Saturday.  
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Decatur, Miss.

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ON EARTH...

I defy competition in number and va-  
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siness suits made to your order by such  
housers as Wannamaker & Brown,  
Meyer & Co., Edward Ross & Co., Hun-  
tington Tailoring Co., Warrington Wor-  
sted Mills Co. \$10 to \$40; dress and wed-  
ding suits, \$18 to \$60. Overcoats \$10 to  
\$25. Pants \$3 to \$14. Mackintoshes \$3  
to \$25. Ulsters \$12 to \$28. Storm Coats  
\$8.50. Gentlemen's Furnishings from  
Wannamaker & Brown, Ladies' Misses'  
and Children's Tailor Made Suits, coats,  
jackets, rosters, skirts, waists and  
mackintoshes. Fine Coats, Capes and  
Collarettes \$8 to \$13, from Wannama-  
ker's houses of Philadelphia and New  
York, and F. Sigel Bros. of Chicago.  
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WHITE LOAF  
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Nobody Keeps them.  
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Everybody Just a Nickel  
Sells them—

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LIFE WILL BE SWEETER.  
INFERIOR GOODS  
SHORTEN LIFE  
Therefore buy the  
Best only at  
HEILMAN'S, Lincoln  
Square.

THE WEATHER.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Illinois: Fair  
and continued cold tonight and Sun-  
day; northerly winds.

LOCAL NEWS.  
Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.  
Arnold's Bromo-Oleary cure head  
aches. 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.  
Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on  
any goods. Collateral, best rates.  
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You pay a little more for the clothes  
that Denz makes but—  
Picture Frames 10 cents and up  
Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—23-dlw  
California fruits at Glessner's, 148  
East Prairie.  
Sunday night at the First M. F.  
church the Christmas day music by  
request will be repeated by the choir.  
It's the little colds that grow into big  
colds; the big colds that end in con-  
sumption and death. Watch the little  
colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.  
Sold by all druggists.  
The midwinter teachers' institute  
held in Clinton by County Superin-  
tendent Wilson was attended by nearly  
every up-to-date teacher in DeWitt  
county.  
Why send your money out of town  
when we take your subscriptions at  
publishers' prices.  
L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.  
The sun throws vertical rays on the  
earth surface only upon an area equal  
to about 35 square miles at any one  
time.  
The Prince of Wales is reported to  
possess the finest collection of tobacco  
pipes in the world.  
Half the ill that man is heir to come  
from indigestion. Burdock Blood Bit-  
ters strengthens and tones the stomach;  
makes indigestion impossible. Sold by  
all druggists.

Funeral at Springfield.  
The funeral of the late Mrs. C. B.  
Turner, formerly of this city, was  
held Friday at Springfield. Rev. W.  
C. Miller of the Congregational  
church of this city conducted the ser-  
vices. Judge and Mrs. E. P. Vail of  
Decatur were in attendance.

At Turner Hall.  
The Metropolitan Dramatic Co. of  
New York will present a play entitled  
"King Ludwig II. of Bavaria," at  
the Turner hall next Tuesday evening.  
The play will be given in German.  
Karl Gehre, the advance agent, was  
in the city yesterday to make arrange-  
ments.

La Grippe Successfully Treated.  
"I have just recovered from the sec-  
ond attack of la grippe this year," says  
Mr. James A. Jones, publisher of the  
Leader, Mexico, Texas. "In the latter  
case I used Chamberlain's Cough Rem-  
edy, and I think with considerable suc-  
cess, only being in bed a little over two  
days against ten days for the former at-  
tack. The second attack I am satisfied  
would have been equally as bad as the  
first but for the use of this remedy  
as I had to go to bed in about six  
hours after being 'struck' with it, while  
in the first case I was able to attend to  
business about two days before getting  
'down.'" For sale by J. E. King and  
C. F. Shilling.

MARKETS.  
FURNISHED BY B. Z. TAYLOR,  
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 31

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close	Yea-
Dec.	68 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	68 3/4	68 3/4
May	71 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2	71 3/4	71 3/4
July	—	—	—	—	—
Oct.	—	—	—	—	—
Dec.	37 1/2	37 1/2	37	37 1/4	37 1/4
May	38 1/2	38 1/2	38	38 1/4	38 1/4
July	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/4	39 1/4
Oct.	—	—	—	—	—
Dec.	—	—	—	20 1/2	20 1/2
May	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/4	28 1/4
July	—	—	—	—	—
Oct.	10 5/8	10 5/8	10 5/8	10 5/4	10 5/4
Dec.	5 8/7 1/2	5 9/8	5 8/7 1/2	5 9/8	5 8/24
May	5 22 1/2	—	—	5 23 1/2	—

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.  
Wheat—154; Estimated, 143; a year ago, —.  
Corn—541; Estimated, 530; a year ago, —.  
Oats—212; Estimated, 201; a year ago, —.  
Estimates for Tomorrow.  
Wheat, 125; Corn, 475; Oats, 224.  
Bugs.  
Hog receipts, 25,000; estimated, 24,000.  
Market strong.  
Light, \$3.41c@3.65; Mix'd, \$1.47@1.67 1/2;  
Heavy, \$3.56@3.70; Rough, \$3.35@3.45.  
Estimated for to-morrow, 46,000.  
Cattle.  
Receipts, 100; market steady.  
No Chicago markets on Monday next  
January 2. "A Happy New Year!"

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CHILTON'S JOB  
The Kentucky Mail Carrier  
Contractor is Anxious  
TO FIND A SUBSTITUTE  
For the Decatur Contract Which He  
Bids in at \$787—It is Worth  
\$1200 to \$1500 to Do the  
Work Properly.

The second chapter in the letting of  
the mail carrying contract for Deca-  
tur for the term of four years, begin-  
ning July 1, 1899, is about to be writ-  
ten, and it promises to be far more in-  
teresting in developments than was  
the first chapter, which covered the  
reception of a dozen or more bids  
from Decatur people by Postmaster  
Cathoun, who acted simply as agent  
for the postoffice department at Wash-  
ington, and the letting of the contract  
early in December to a stranger in the  
state of Kentucky.  
It will be recalled that a press dis-  
patch from Washington one morning  
a few weeks ago announced that the  
contract for carrying the mail from  
the union depot to the Decatur office  
had been let to one E. A. Chilton of  
London, Ky., at the surprisingly low  
figure of \$787 a year, the same party  
also getting the Bloomington contract  
at something over \$800 a year. Local  
contractors were naturally surprised,  
not to say disgusted, over the an-  
nouncement, because all along it was  
supposed that outside bids would not  
be considered; but it appears that the  
government has no fence around any  
town in the country and the privilege  
of bidding is open to any citizen of  
America. New York and other con-  
tractors bid on the mail carrying jobs  
for cities in various parts of the coun-  
try.  
Now it is apparent that Mr. Chilton  
is anxious to let go of his Decatur  
contract. He doubtless realizes, too  
late, that he has more than a white  
elephant on his hands. Those fami-  
liar with the requirements for the De-  
catur bid know that to provide two  
new wagons, two or three horses, and  
two men daily, to say nothing of the  
expense of feed, care and shelter  
for the outfits, and fair wages for the  
two men, will require a considerably  
greater sum than \$787 a year. The  
lowest bid submitted by any Decatur  
man according to best information  
was between \$1200 and \$1300 and  
at those figures the daily wages for  
two men would be something like  
\$1.50. At the Chilton figures the first  
year's government pay would be eaten  
up in supplying the wagons and  
horses, with nothing left for wages,  
feed, barn rent or anything else.  
It was learned today that Postmas-  
ter Cathoun had received a small hand-  
bill from Mr. Chilton, requesting that  
it be posted. The bill reads that Mr.  
Chilton desires to sublet the Decatur  
contract awarded to him. He does  
not announce any specifications, ex-  
cept to say that he will furnish the  
wagons free of cost. Those who  
submitted bids for the contract in  
November will find the Chilton bill  
posted somewhere in the city.  
It is now in order for those inter-  
ested to correspond with Chilton and  
make their bids. Chilton wants to  
let go, but he will have to put up sev-  
eral hundred dollars extra each year  
until 1904. It is not likely that any  
Decatur man will take the contract  
except at a considerable advance over  
\$787, although the two wagons will be  
furnished free by Mr. Chilton.  
Four years ago Chilton took the  
Bloomington contract at a low figure  
and he sublet the job for something  
like \$2000. The Bloomington job re-  
quires a whole lot of work. There are  
three depots located at different points  
and no end of transfer of mails. In  
Decatur all of the mail from the post-  
office goes to one depot and the trans-  
fer work is done on one platform.  
Mr. Chilton will undoubtedly let  
the Decatur job to some Decatur  
party. There may develop lively  
competition for the job, but it is not  
probable that any man will submit a  
bid unless he sees fairly good daily  
wages above the fixed expenses.

WATCH MEETINGS  
Will be Held at Several Places This  
Evening to See the Old Year Out.  
This evening the members of the  
Christian Endeavor society of the  
Christian tabernacle will hold a watch  
party. There will be a musical pro-  
gram and at midnight with the pass-  
ing of the old year prayers will be  
offered. An invitation to attend is  
extended to sister societies and the  
public in general.  
At the Church of God on North  
Water street this evening a watch  
meeting will be held.  
The members of the Wheelmen's  
club will give a watch party this eve-  
ning. They expect to make it a big  
event.

NO DIVORCE.  
Mr. and Mrs. Demas A. Barrackman  
Again Living Together.

In the city papers have appeared an-  
nouncements to the effect that Mrs.  
Demas A. Barrackman had filed appli-  
cation for divorce from her husband  
in the circuit court. Since the papers  
were filed there has been an entirely  
satisfactory explanation of the alleged  
charges against Mr. Barrackman and  
the proceedings have been withdrawn.  
The reconciliation is complete, and  
the couple are again residing together  
at 1055 West Main street.

Last of "Wonder" Lectures.  
Rev. George F. Hall's "Wonder"  
lectures for several Sunday evenings  
past have developed quite an interest.  
The fourth and last of the series will  
be given tomorrow night. The theme  
will be "Seven Wonders of the Nine-  
teenth Century."  
Presbyterian Church.  
There will be communion, baptism  
and reception of members at the First  
Presbyterian church on Sunday morn-  
ing. The usual services will be held  
in the evening. Miss Grace Hubbard  
will sing.

TOM SHOAF  
He is Now the Owner of the Kalama-  
zoo Daily Gazette.  
KALAMAZOO, MICH., Dec. 31.—  
The Gazette, established for 33 years,  
has been purchased by T. B. Shoaff,  
recently of the Danville, Ill., Press.  
Mr. Shoaff comes from a family of  
newspaper men, being the son of the  
late James Shoaff of the old Decatur  
Gazette. He is well known through-  
out Illinois. The Gazette is the only  
morning daily in southwestern Michi-  
gan. Improvements will be made on  
the plant.  
A BIG DOCKET.  
There are Many Cases to be Tried at  
Next Term of Court.  
There will be a large number of  
cases to be tried at the January term  
of court. Friday was the last day of  
service and many cases were started.

Besides chancery and foreclosure suits  
the following cases were filed in the  
circuit clerk's office Friday after this  
paper was printed:  
By Shelley Bros. & Gibson: Emanuel  
Dodd by his next friend, Jonathan  
Dodd, vs. A. F. Wilhelm; case.  
Demand \$5000.  
By D. D. Hill: J. A. Wheeler vs.  
J. O. Merritt; assumpsit. Demand  
\$1200.  
By B. S. Tyler & Co. vs. D. D.  
Blickenstaff; attachment.  
By Leforge & Lee: Jossie Lefor-  
gee & Co. vs. A. F. Evans; assumpsit.  
Demand \$300.  
By I. A. Buckingham: Kline Bros.  
vs. James Milligan; assumpsit. De-  
mand \$1261.  
By Leforge & Lee: Mary F. Smith  
vs. Theodore P. Smith; separate  
maintenance.  
By W. B. Tyler and Leforge & Lee:  
Mary J. Grady vs. W. Z. Walmsley;  
assumpsit. Demand \$1000.  
G. W. Ehrhart vs. H. R. Ameling;  
appeal. Demand \$10.  
By Shelley Bros. & Gibson: Mary  
Veech vs. Harry Hunt et al; partition.

PERSONAL.  
—Attorney Nay Boggs is ill.  
—P. M. Wilkoff is ill at the home of  
his daughter, Mrs. Ida W. Baker, with  
a severe attack of asthma.  
—Mrs. Frank Boyd and son, Frank  
Jr., have returned to their home at  
Omaha, Neb., after a visit with Decatur  
relatives.  
—Miss Colla Wilson has returned  
from a visit with friends in Bloom-  
ington.  
—C. A. Pollock, of the Wabash, was  
in St. Louis yesterday.  
—John Ulrich, who has been con-  
fined to his home with an attack of the  
grippe, is able to be out.  
—Rev. Frost Craft left today for  
Bloomington to officiate Sunday at the  
funeral of Mrs. Grace Fell-Hersey.  
—Chan Powers is a guest of Lafayette  
friends.  
—Attorney Frank Ewing has re-  
turned from a holiday visit with his pa-  
rents at Arcola.  
—Mrs. E. B. Donaldson and children  
will depart from 970 North Edward  
street next week for Milwaukee, Wis.,  
where they will make their home.  
—John W. Phillips of Kansas City,  
Mo., who has been in the city several  
days, will leave for St. Louis Monday  
morning.

DOWN TO DEATH  
Six Men Instantly Killed at Ishpeming  
Michigan.  
DETROIT, Dec. 31.—A Ishpeming  
special says: This morning while  
mine finishing trimmers, whose names  
are unknown, were coming to the  
surface in one of the shafts of the  
Lake Superior Iron Co., the cage  
met some obstruction in the shaft  
that inclined the cage so that the six  
men slid off and fell 500 feet to the  
bottom, being killed instantly. Three  
who clung to the cage were slightly  
injured.  
GOES UP FOR LIFE.  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 31.  
—The jury in the Mrs. Batkin case  
has returned a verdict of guilty of  
murder in the first degree, with pen-  
alty fixed at life imprisonment.  
Was in Jail.  
One of the morning papers today  
published a story about a farmer  
named N. H. Witts being sandbagged  
on Wednesday evening. The police re-  
port that on Thursday night Witts  
was taken to the police station in a  
drunken condition and stayed there  
all night. He was released Friday  
morning. When arrested Witts had  
been rolling in the mud and his coat  
was covered with dirt and was wet.  
The police took it off to let it dry and  
it is still at police headquarters and  
Witts left Friday morning and forgot  
it.  
Will Vote on Pastor.  
The Church Street Christian church  
will have a short business meeting at  
the close of morning services tomor-  
row and the members will vote on the  
continuance of Rev. George F. Hall  
as pastor. A financial secretary will  
also be selected.

DR.  
PRICE'S  
CREAM  
BAKING  
POWDER  
Awarded  
Highest Honors, World's Fair  
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

A GREAT YEAR  
1898 a Boomer in Busi-  
ness in America.  
MOST REMARKABLE RECORD  
An Unprecedented Volume of Domes-  
tic Export Trade—Record of  
All Other Years  
Surpassed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Bradstreet's  
today say: "Reports received as to  
the year's business in all sections of  
the country point to an unprecedented  
volume of domestic export trade,  
which is reflected in the bank clear-  
ances that broke the high record of  
1892. The general level of prices of  
staples and securities at the close of  
the year is higher than reached for  
five years. The railroad earnings ex-  
ceeded all previous years, and finally,  
there was a smaller number of fail-  
ures and lower liabilities than were  
reported in any year for at least five  
years.  
Returns as to the retail trade, par-  
ticularly holiday business, are strik-  
ingly good in all sections. The ex-  
port trade of the country for the year  
is the heaviest ever known and will  
probably exceed \$1,250,000,000 in  
value, thus being nearly double the  
imports. There were 11,658 failures  
in the United States in 1898, involv-  
ing liabilities of 0.6 per cent. Com-  
pared with 1892, however, there is an  
increase of 13 per cent in number and  
30 per cent in liabilities.

DUN'S REPORT.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—R. G. Dun's  
weekly review of trade says: "The  
year 1898 surpassed all other years in  
financial and industrial results. The  
center of financial power has crossed  
the ocean, after paying several hun-  
dred millions abroad, and conducting  
the war loan to an honorable end, this  
country is leading so many millions  
in Europe that, for the first time, the  
banks abroad look to New York to  
dictate the rate of exchange.  
"The exports have been about  
\$1,250,000,000, an excess over imports  
of about \$617,000,000, against \$257,-  
000,000 in 1897, and in only two pre-  
vious years has the balance risen to  
\$390,000,000.  
"In no past calendar year have the  
net imports of gold reached \$75,000,-  
000, but this year they have been  
\$110,000,000.  
"The exports of breadstuffs have  
been \$283,018,204 in 11 months; never  
as large in any other year. The ex-  
ports of wheat for the year, lacking  
a day or two, have been 218,344,636  
bushels, slightly exceeded only by  
225,065,812 in 1892; and of corn, 290,-  
979,077 bushels, only approached by  
189,127,570 in 1897."

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1893.

## CUBANS SHOULD WAIT.

The temper shown by the Cubans over the refusal of General Brooke to permit a contingent of the Cuban army to march through Havana on the day when the people celebrate the occupation of Cuba by the United States and the retirement of Spanish sovereignty is but another evidence of their unfitness at this time for self-government. The United States government has shown no disposition other than to restore peace to Cuba, give the people a chance to re-establish business and ultimately a stable government. To do this it was necessary to overthrow Spanish sovereignty in Cuba and cause the withdrawal of the Spanish troops by force or otherwise. To accomplish this it was necessary to declare war against Spain. The result of that war was to defeat Spain at Manila and at Santiago, when a protocol was agreed to between the United States and Spain which ended in a peace treaty. Commissioners were appointed in the meantime to arrange for the Spanish evacuation of Porto Rico and Cuba by which it was arranged that the government of Cuba should be handed over to the United States fully and completely by January 1, 1898. In all this business Cuba has had nothing to say nor has the so-called Cuban army had anything to do. What the United States desires is peace on the unfortunate island and not riot. It has been impossible for the Spanish troops to get off the island and some 30,000 or more of them will still be there, 15,000 of them in Havana, on the day set apart for the celebration. There seems to be the same animosity among the Cubans and Spaniards as while their guerrilla warfare was going on and whenever they meet there is riot and bloodshed. Under such conditions it would be absolutely dangerous to peace and good order, especially so when the fact that in Havana are thousands of Cubans who were volunteers in the Spanish army, to permit a demonstration by the Cuban army in Havana at this time and under these conditions. The Cubans, themselves, who have everything to gain and nothing to lose should have forethought enough not to demand any special permission. The fact that they do demand it seems to indicate that they are more interested in "rubbing it in" on their former enemies than to create unity and good feeling which is the first essential to good government.

The United States went into the war with Spain for the purpose of ending the war and the sufferings of Cuba. First, from a sense of humanity; second, because the war in Cuba disturbed our trade with the island and entailed millions of money to enforce neutrality as to the combatants. One demand was that Spain should evacuate the island and if she refused we would expel her armies from Cuba. This will not have been accomplished until the last Spanish soldier departed and the Cubans, until that time comes, are merely spectators and not participants. This is the logic of the situation.

It is a remarkable fact that not one straight Democrat from any northern state will be a member of the Senate, whose term will begin the 4th of March next. In five years the Republicans have gained 18 seats in the Senate. Among the missing Democrats will be Murphy of New York, Smith of New Jersey, Gray of Delaware, Mitchell of Wisconsin, White of California, Turpie of Indiana and Faulkner of West Virginia. This is the result of the free trade and Chicago platform experience.

General Wheeler says the arguments used by the anti-expansionists are the same as those used against the acquisition of the Louisiana territory. He might have added also that not a man who opposed the Louisiana purchase was broad-headed enough to make a record that insured him from complete obscurity now. The country follows the man, of course, who believes in his country and who is never found sitting or standing around declaring that we cannot do what other nations who are inferior to us are doing successfully.

William Jennings Bryan has been informed by Senator Gray that the peace treaty means that we have control of the situation. What an astute president the colonel would have made. Had he been elected and the war with Spain had taken place under such an administration as his, what would have happened?

The threat of the Cubans that they will fight the United States unless Brooke's orders preventing a demonstration by the Cuban army in Havana will alarm nobody. Uncle Sam knows their fighting qualities.

It will soon be in order to call the Democratic party the pie party. It has as many splits in it as a pie.

That of Bryan in 1900 should be changed to anybody who can win in 1904. McKinley has the call for 1900.

The candidates for speaker of the Illinois general assembly are now moving on Springfield with a sure thing.

"Bloody Bridles" Waite does not seem to favor the further expansion of Anti-Expansionist Bryan.

## DEATH RECORD.

**MRS. McKINNIS.**  
 Mrs. Lewis McKinnis, mother of Harry McKinnis, died at 7 o'clock Friday evening, December 30, at the family residence, 528 North Pine street, aged 68 years. She had been ill for a long time and her death was due to heart failure and lung trouble. The deceased was born in Sangamon county and was the sister of Mrs. B. F. Latham of this city. Mrs. George Parish of Mt. Auburn and Mrs. John H. H. of Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. McKinnis was widely known in this city and had many friends among whom she was held in the highest esteem and by whom her death will be greatly regretted. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made. The burial will be at Boiling Springs cemetery.

**MRS. GATES.**  
 The funeral of the late Mrs. Harriet Gates, who died on Friday, was held this afternoon and the body was taken to Bement for burial.

The deceased was the wife of Robert Gates and was aged 19 years and 5 months. Death was caused by peritonitis. Mrs. Gates is survived by her husband and infant child, three weeks old. She also leaves a mother, Mrs. Rachel Hoffheim, a sister, Mrs. Alonzo Doty, and two brothers, Otis and Curtis Hoffheim.

**FUNERAL OF MRS. MILLS.**  
 The funeral of the late Mrs. Joseph Mills was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence on North Main street. The services were conducted by Rev. H. A. W. Yung. The music for the occasion was rendered by the choir from the First English Lutheran church. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery and the pall bearers were the following: employees of the Mills Lumber Co., John Hagen, Thomas Onkes, Will Montgomery, Will Kosselick, J. Goodmiller and Adam Walker.

## WE PUBLISH THE STORY

Of Another Wonderful Cure of Kidney Backache for the Benefit of

Decatur People.

Morrow's Kid-ne-oids receive the highest possible praise from an Elkhart, Indiana, business man. If Morrow's Kid-ne-oids were not a worthy remedy or the remedy we claim them to be, it would be impossible to get people bragging in Elkhart to praise them. Geo. T. Brown, the barber at Main and Franklin streets, has much to say for them and stronger language could not be used. Here is what he says, word for word: "I doubt very much if there are many people living who have suffered worse, and lived, with kidney complaint than I have. My complaint had been gradually growing worse for years, notwithstanding the fact that I have used many patent medicines as well as being treated by physicians which has cost me lots of money. Only two months ago I paid a large doctor bill for which I received not one particle of benefit. My condition has been so bad at times that I have had to quit work for a week or more. The pain through the small of back was so intense that it seemed to me as if I were dying by inches. This condition made me so nervous that by spells I was unable to hold a razor or razor steady. The kidney secretions were highly discolored and accompanied by a scalding pain in its passage. This showed an excessiveness of uric acid. No one could blame me for being completely discouraged. I had begun to believe that my condition was a hopeless one, until hope took the place of despair through reading the many cures effected by Morrow's Kid-ne-oids. I could not more than fail (which I had been doing right along) although taking treatment from physicians and paying doctor bills. I gave the Kid-ne-oids a trial. I bought two boxes to start with. It seems almost incredible when I say I began to feel better in twenty-four hours, but such was the case. Inside of a week my condition was more improved than it had been for years from other treatment. Today my backache has entirely disappeared, my nerves have grown steady and strong and I am perfectly free from urinary disturbances notwithstanding the fact that I work hard all day. I am so elated over my present faithful condition that I suppose I have told and recommended Kid-ne-oids to over thirty of my customers. I make this statement for publication with the hope that those who read it will not delay one moment but stop their suffering by using Kid-ne-oids at once." The people of Decatur and surrounding country should be convinced by this statement and lose no time from being cured. Kid-ne-oids are yellow tablets (not pills) and are for sale by all druggists and at Armstrong Bros' drug store at 50c a box. John Morrow & Co., Chemists, Springfield, Ohio.

**IN A SOCIAL WAY.**  
 Mrs. Shlaudemans Receives—Guests Entertained in Various Homes.

Mrs. Frank Shlaudemans received her friends at her home on South Webster street from 3 to 6 on Friday afternoon in honor of her guests, Mrs. Henry Shumway and Mrs. Joseph Gagen of Lafayette, Ind., and Mrs. Carleton Heiby of Milwaukee. The color scheme in the decorations was pink and green. The dining table was placed directly beneath the chandelier and ropes of amaranth were draped from the chandelier to the four corners of the table. Roses and carnations were used in profusion. During the afternoon a musical program was offered by Miss Lula Cosad. Mrs. Shlaudemans was assisted in receiving by Mrs.

Hoiby. Mrs. Gagen poured chocolate and Miss Ella Bassey served the frappe. Miss Ethel Scovill, Mrs. E. E. Johnson and Miss Maude Evans assisted in the dining room. Mrs. Shlaudemans' guests leave for home on Monday.

Mrs. Silas E. McClelland was hostess for the Coffee club on Friday afternoon.

The Misses Lona Ullrich and Gertrude Tyler entertained the card club at the home of Miss Ullrich last evening.

The Social Dancing club danced at the Columbia hall last evening, the last dance of the year proving the most pleasant in many respects.

Mrs. J. Riddle was given a surprise by her friends at her home at 562 East Wood street on Friday afternoon. The guests were mostly members of the German Lutheran church.

Lenora, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wehrly of North College street, entertained the children of the neighborhood with a party in which Christmas trees and Christmas goodies figured conspicuously, on Friday afternoon. The little guests had an afternoon of unequalled mirth and merriment.

**SUNDAY SERVICES.**  
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.  
 W. H. Penhaligon, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. A. H. Mills, supt. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Intermediate at 4 p. m. Strangers and others not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited.

**FIRST M. E. CHURCH.**  
 First Craft Pastor—Class meeting at 8:45 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Frank Ewing, supt. Public worship at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sermons by the pastor. Communion at morning service. Repetition of Christmas music. Junior Endeavor at 3:30 p. m. Intermediate Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

**EDWARD STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
 Corner West William and Edward streets. Rev. Marion Stevens, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. John Patterson, supt. Morning sermon and Lord's Supper at 10:45 a. m. Junior C. E. at 2:30 p. m. V. R. C. E. at 5:30 p. m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
 Corner North Water and East North streets. Rev. B. H. Bowyer, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. J. Carter, superintendent. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. by the pastor. Sunday school at First Park Chapel at 2:30 p. m. M. L. S. at 7:30 p. m. Bonnie Hutshill, supt. Intermediate Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. No man Congregational, supt. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by pastor.

**EAST PARK CHAPEL.**  
 Sabbath school at East Park Mission, 230, J. Edward Saxton, superintendent.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.**  
 Review Building, second floor. Morning service at 10:30 a. m. subject, "The True Light." Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30 p. m. All are welcome.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**  
 Corner of Church and Eldorado streets. Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning services at 10:45 a. m. Junior Endeavor at 2:30 p. m. Senior Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.**  
 Corner of North Main and William streets. Rev. H. A. W. Yung, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Dr. N. D. Myers, supt. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

**CHURCH OF GOD.**  
 Corner of North Water and Gerro Gordo streets. M. S. Newcomer, D. D., pastor. Services morning and evening at the usual hours. Preaching by the pastor. Subject, "The Value of Time." Evening, "Thine Accomplices." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. P. E. C. E. at 5:30 p. m. After services the ordinances of God's House will be celebrated.

**CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC.**  
 Church street between Eldorado and North. Rev. Geo. F. Hall, pastor. Mrs. Lena Calvin, Musical Director. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning services at 10:45 a. m. Junior Endeavor at 2:30 p. m. Senior Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. V. R. C. E. at 5:30 p. m. After services the ordinances of God's House will be celebrated.

**SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**  
 Rev. H. W. Tulliver, rector. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Holy Communion at 10:45 a. m. Morning prayer, sermon and Holy Communion at 10:30 a. m. Evening prayer and address at 7:30 p. m.

The beautiful Christmas musical program will be repeated tomorrow.

**How to Prevent Pneumonia.**  
 You are perhaps aware that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of la grippe. During the epidemic of la grippe a few years ago when so many cases resulted in pneumonia, it was observed that the attack was never followed by that disease when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. It counteracts the tendency of a cold or la grippe to result in that dangerous disease. It is the best remedy in the world for bad colds and la grippe. Every bottle warranted. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

**For Kidney Troubles**  
 there is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure, everyone who tries it will agree to this. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Peoria police station keeps a big bottle of bromide, which is in large demand to steady the nerves of bad cases of drunk while they are sobering up.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing, is requested to call on H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone or W. H. Hubbard and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

Boardstown will build several miles of single layer brick pavement next year, believing that if such pavement is properly laid it will be satisfactory.

In Paris alone 7000 people are employed in the preparation of human hair for the market.

**GRIPPE**  
 Grippe and influenza invariably leave the system with a bad cough. For such Dr. John W. Bull's Cough Syrup is highly recommended. This wonderful remedy gives relief at once, conquers the worst cough overnight and soon effects a thorough cure.

**Dr. Bull's COUGH SYRUP**  
 Cures Grippe and Influenza.  
 Does as much and pleasant to take. Doctors recommend it. Price 25 cts. At all druggists.



What nobler, better ambition can a young couple have than to live loving, helpful lives, and then, in a green old age, look back over a life that has been mutually self-sacrificing, useful and successful? The one great stumbling-block that stands between most married couples and this ideal married career is ill-health. If both husband and wife would take proper care of their health, there would be more hale, hearty and happy old people in the world. If, when a man suffers from the little ills of life, he will resort to Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the chances are that he will avoid the big and fatal illnesses. This great medicine gives a man a healthy hunger, facilitates the flow of digestive juices, invigorates the liver, purifies and enriches the blood and builds firm, muscular, healthy flesh tissue.

It is an old saying that women are hard to kill. There is some truth in this, as far as the majority of illnesses are concerned. There is one class of disorders, however, that quickly undermine any woman's general health. No woman can retain her strength who suffers from weakness and disease of the delicate and important organs that make wifehood and motherhood possible. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is an unfailing cure for all disorders of this description. It acts directly on the sensitive organs concerned, in a natural, soothing way. It makes them strong, healthy and vigorous. It prepares them to bear the burdens of maternity. It is the greatest of nerve tonics. The woman who uses it will bear healthy, happy children, and live to a ripe old age.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate the stomach, liver and bowels. By all medicine dealers.

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contains no cocaine, mercury nor any other injurious drug. It is quickly absorbed. Gives relief at once.

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It opens and cleanses the nasal passages. Always inflammation. Heals and protects the membrane. Restores the sense of taste and smell. Full size 50c; Trial size 10c; at Drug-gists or by mail.

ELY BROTHERS, 50 Warren Street, New York.



## SHOE SALE

Now on

## SCOVILL CO'S.

BIGGEST, BUSIEST, BEST.

"Turn Over a new leaf"

1897 1898 1899

At this dawn of the New Year. And remember not only your sins of commission but your sins of omission as well. If your eyes have asked for help at any time during the past year and you have omitted giving them that help—"turn over a new leaf." It will pay you.

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## 20 Per Cent Discount..

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## HOTELCHANG

G. J. Mills Has Bought

the St. Nicholas.

TAKES POSSESSION JAN.

New Proprietor Comes From Chicago—Mr. Neipp Will Locate

Elsewhere—Both First Class Hotel Men.

Last night an important deal was closed through the agency of C. Hook & Co. of Chicago, by which J. Mills of Galesburg, Ill., the owner of the St. Nicholas hotel, succeeded Chris Neipp who months ago succeeded Charles Neipp as proprietor. The consideration understood to be about \$24,000. Possession will be given on Sunday, January 1.

The St. Nicholas is recognized as one of the best properties in the state. Its reputation as a first class house was established by Mr. Neipp and when Mr. Neipp who knows a good thing when he it, offered him his price, it was accepted. Mr. Neipp at once a number of marked improvements by increased expenditure and the play of varied taste in turn added considerably to the attractiveness of the hotel. The population of the St. Nick has continued and excellent management of Mr. Neipp. He has been untiring in his efforts to please the home and traveling public with the result that several have lately sought to secure possession of the property. The tempting made by Mr. Mills, which amounted to a sum greater by several thousands than the purchase price, Mr. Neipp was finally accepted. Mr. Neipp and the deal was closed.

While Decatur loses a first hotel man and a general and a gentleman in the retirement of Neipp, we secure a most worthy successor in the person of Mr. Mills. He is the present owner of the hotel at Galesburg, and has been owner and successful manager of hotels in Washington and Iowa.

Mills comes to Decatur highly recommended by Mr. Neipp. O. F. S. ing, Charles Laux and others know him to be all right for St. Nicholas, a hotel man up-to-date all the demands of the general public.

Mr. Mills is now in the city manager of the hotel will be Waterman of Chicago, a gentleman of experience in the business has had charge of big hotels, come, San Francisco, Salt Lake at other points.

The Republic extends the hearty welcome to Mr. Mills and Waterman and wishes them possible success.

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Good Standard Calicoes,

Best Made Calicoes, 44c.

Dress Goods, 15c, 20c, 25c

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First Choice the Best Come  
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**S. G. HATCH  
& BRO.,**  
J. W. RACE, Assignee.

## Doesn't Understand Boys.

A young matron in Kentwood told  
the following good story on herself  
at the Kindergarten club. She had been  
greatly annoyed at the propensity of  
her two small boys to quarrel all the  
time. They never played together 15  
minutes without getting into a fight.  
The mother finally decided that she  
would threaten to leave home.

"Now, my dear little boys," she said,  
calling them to her for an affectionate  
farewell, "ma-ma is going to-go-go  
away and never come back any  
more. So she can't bear to see Tommy  
and Willie quarrel so."

And then she put on her bonnet and  
went out. In a few minutes she slipped  
back and peeped into her bedroom win-  
dow to see how sorry the little boys  
were. She expected to see them cry-  
ing their small eyes out. Tommy and  
Willie were seated on the floor in front  
of the dresser. They had the top  
drawer out and were dividing their  
things with great satisfaction.—Chi-  
cago Inter Ocean.

**Edison Is Queer.**  
"Are your discoveries often bril-  
liant intuit ones?" was asked of Edison  
"No, I never did anything worth doing  
by accident," he replied, "nor did any  
of my inventions come indirectly  
through accident, except the phono-  
graph. When I fully decide that a re-  
sult is worth getting, I go ahead and  
make trial after trial until it comes."  
"What impels you to this constant, tire-  
less struggle?" You have shown that  
you care comparatively nothing for the  
money, and you have no particular en-  
thusiasm in the attending fame. "I  
like it. I don't know any other reason.  
Anything I have begun on is on my  
mind, and I am not easy until it is  
finished. And then I hate it." "Hate it?"  
"Yes, when it is all done and a success,  
I can't bear the sight of it. I haven't  
used the telephone in years, and I  
would go out of my way to turn an in-  
candescent light."—St. Louis Globe  
Democrat.

## Cold Air as an Appetizer.

A Russian physician has begun to ex-  
periment with liquid air. He placed a  
cog in a room with the temperature  
lowered to 100 degrees below zero.  
After ten hours the dog was taken out  
alive and with an enormous appetite.  
The physician tried the test on himself.  
After ten hours' confinement in an at-  
mosphere of still, cold air his system  
was intensely stimulated. So much  
combustion had been required to keep  
warm that an intense appetite was cre-  
ated. The process was continued on the  
man and the dog, and both grew  
speedily fat and vigorous.—N. Y. Sun.

## How a Frog Hibernates.

According to Simon Henry Sage, the  
frog does not hibernate in leaves or in  
trunks of trees, but in a dry hole in the  
ground not likely to freeze. He  
scratches the hole with his hind feet,  
and enters backward. Once inside there  
is apparently no trace of the fact out-  
side. Frogs found under frozen leaves  
are still able to move about. Mr. Sage  
has found hibernating frogs with their  
extremities and skin frozen, but their  
vital organs were still intact, and they  
recovered their activity on being liber-  
ated.—London Globe.

**Mental Phenomena.**  
"I suppose," said the visitor at the  
insane asylum, "that you have fre-  
quent occasions to note that people  
under your charge are entirely sen-  
sible on some particular topics."

"Yes," answered the superintendent.  
"The good sense they show on general  
subjects is amazing. For instance,  
never since I have been here have I  
heard of a movement among the in-  
mates to get up a six-day bicycle race."

—Washington Star.

## His Dream Shattered.

First Boarder—Well, you'll soon be  
released from boarding houses, any-  
how. Going to be married soon, I sup-  
pose?

Second Boarder (sadly)—No—I have  
been bitterly disappointed in the girl.  
"How?"

"She insisted on boarding after our  
marriage."—Puck.

## His Idea of an Angel.

Wederly—Do you know, my dear, I  
dreamed of your mother last night. I  
thought she was an angel.

Mrs. Wederly—Indeed! Did she have  
the traditional harp and crown?

"Oh, no; I thought I met her on the  
street and she told me she never intend-  
ed to darken my door again."—Chicago  
Evening News.

## Fish with a Royal Name.

There is a fish in Japanese water  
called "the emperor of Japan." It is  
curiously angular in form, being al-  
most a true rectangle. It is resplendent  
in color, with odd brown-like face,  
and it is notable for its savory flesh.—  
Chicago Chronicle.

## Her Dear Friend.

"What friends these beggars are! I  
just met a blind one who said: 'Please  
give me a few pennies, pretty lady!'"

"Perhaps he only said that so you  
would be sure to believe he was blind!"  
—Lustige Diabler.

## The Eternal Question.

She—I wonder why you ever married  
me?

He—Because I thought I loved you,  
of course. Did you get the notion that  
it was to pay a bet? —Indianapolis  
Journal.

## An Awful Waste.

Einstein—Ikey, you must not wear  
your specs all der time.

Ikey—Vy nod, fader?

"Because you wear der glass out look-  
ing through it so much."—N. Y. World.

## His War.

The Porter—Did yo' remark dat yo'  
only gib me a quarter, sah?

The Victim—Yes, I knew it. I never  
do anything by halves.—N. Y. Journal.

**Italian Women.**

Of the 11,000,000 women in Italy  
about 2,000,000 are employed in indus-  
trial labor, and over 3,000,000 in agricul-  
ture.—Chicago Tribune.

**A Word to the Foolish.**

A wise word to the foolish is some-  
times sufficient.—Chicago Daily News.

**Franklin Street.**

Some of the property owners of  
South Franklin street held another  
meeting last night to consider the as-  
sessment matter. The cold weather,  
however, kept a good many away and  
nothing was accomplished at the  
meeting.

The Lamp Brewery company of St.  
Louis began this week to build a  
brewery plant on their property in  
Peoria.

## FUNERAL SERVICES

Held Over Remains of Late  
H. C. Montgomery

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Knights Templar Were in Charge  
—Rev. Penhalligon Assisted  
and Music Rendered by  
Church Choir.

The remains of the late H. Clay  
Montgomery were brought to this city  
from Chicago on Friday evening and  
the funeral was held this afternoon at  
2 o'clock from the First Presbyterian  
church.

The body arrived in the city at 7:35  
o'clock Friday evening and was ac-  
companied by John A. Montgomery of  
Ann Arbor, Mich., and T. L. Mont-  
gomery of Ohio, the two brothers,  
and the son, Harry Montgomery, and  
the father-in-law, John Zollars of Ma-  
con, both of whom went to Chicago  
when the news of the death was re-  
ceived. The third brother, Dr. E. E.  
Montgomery of Philadelphia, arrived  
in Decatur at midnight. A Rake-  
straw of Macon came to the city today  
to attend the funeral.

## AT THE DEPOT.

When the body arrived in Decatur  
Friday evening it was met at the train  
by a delegation of Knights Templar  
composed of Sir Knights B. Z. Taylor,  
John Knowlton, W. O. Halstead, B.  
D. Batchelder, H. R. Mars, Ed Willis,  
J. B. Ballard and H. I. Baldwin.  
The remains were brought to the Bul-  
lard undertaking parlors, where they  
remained until today. The casket was  
not opened. The members of the  
family from out of the city are guests  
at the home of H. I. Baldwin.

## AT THE CHURCH.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock  
this afternoon from the First Presby-  
terian church, of which Mr. Mont-  
gomery was a member, and was  
largely attended by the many friends  
of the deceased. The services were  
entirely in charge of Beaumanoir  
Commandery, No. 9, K. T., the mem-  
bers of which attended in a body.  
Rev. W. H. Penhalligon offered a  
prayer and the full ritualistic service  
of the Knights Templar was con-  
ducted. There were many beautiful  
floral offerings which surrounded the  
casket. The music was rendered by  
the church choir, composed of D. L.  
Bum, George Dunston, Mrs. W. J.  
Hostetter and Miss Noy Montgomery.  
The hymn, "Lead Kindly Light,"  
was sung in addition to the selections  
which are a part of the ritual service.  
The burial was at Greenwood cem-  
tery, where the services were very  
brief. A delegation of the com-  
mandery accompanied the remains to  
the grave.

## NOT MADE PUBLIC.

Dr. R. E. Tobey states that the  
letter which was left by Mr. Mont-  
gomery did not contain anything in  
regard to his motive for suicide. He  
says that its contents were of interest  
only to the members of the family and  
that it was not their desire to make  
it public.

The coroner's inquest, which was  
held Friday morning at 10 o'clock,  
developed the fact that Mr. Mont-  
gomery killed himself on Tuesday night  
and was dead until Thursday morning  
before he was found. A change in  
the management of the floor of the  
hotel on which his room was located  
caused him to be overlooked until  
Thursday, when he was found dead.

## Lost.

Many have lost confidence and hope  
as well as health, because they have  
been told their kidney disease was in-  
curable. Foley's Kidney Cure is a  
guaranteed remedy for the discouraged  
and disconsolate. H. W. Bell, N. L.  
Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

The smallest things may exert the  
greatest influence. De Witt's Little  
Early Kidney Pills are unequalled for over-  
come constipation and liver troubles.  
Small pill, best pill, safe pill. H. W.  
Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East  
End Drug Store.

William Farren, Jr., and Miss Ida  
Lane of Marion were married Tuesday  
evening.

Horrible agony is caused by Piles  
Burns and Skin Diseases. These are  
immediately relieved and quickly cured  
by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve.  
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—George Short has returned from  
visit to Warrensburg.

—Hon. J. M. Gray will leave Monday  
morning for Springfield to attend to  
preliminary business preceding the  
opening of the legislature.

—Mildred Wallace, daughter of H.  
A. Wallace, is ill.

—Mrs. McGlasson, of East Marietta  
street, is confined to her home with an  
acute attack of stomach trouble.

The Saturday Afternoon Euchre club  
met with Mrs. C. C. LeForge this after-  
noon.

—Arthur G. Priny, a prominent real  
estate dealer of St. Louis, is spending  
the holidays with P. H. Brueck.

—Attorney B. F. Shipley of Maros  
transacted business in the city today.

—Miss Bess Coale, who has been the  
guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clary, re-  
turned to her home at Hillsboro today.

Services at the Goodway Mission to-  
morrow at 3:15—L. C. Hayes leader.

**This Store will be Closed all day  
MONDAY, JAN. 2, 1899,**  
To give our employes the usual New Year's Holiday:

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## PANA STRIKE

Col. Wells is Prepared to  
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IN CASE OF AN OUTBREAK

Rumors of Trouble with the Striking  
Miners—Reinforcements of  
Strikers Expected—Deca-  
tur Guards on Duty.

PANA, ILL., Dec. 31.—The report  
that 1000 union miners from central  
and southern Illinois mining towns  
were to arrive in Pana last night and  
today to assist in driving out the non-  
union negro miners reaching Colonel  
Wells Friday, he appealed to Governor  
Tanner for additional troops and was  
granted re-inforcements in Company  
H, 6th infantry, of Decatur, 60 strong,  
who are now here on duty. Colonel  
Wells has had a heavy provost guard  
in charge of the city and patrolling  
the railroad yards and approaches to  
the city and a gatling gun division in  
readiness for action, expecting the ar-  
rival of outside miners to be followed  
by serious trouble. No miners have  
arrived. Leaders of the union men  
state positively that the report is  
false, given out by the operators with  
the hope of having additional troops  
sent to Pana and continued here in-  
definitely. Colonel Wells states, how-  
ever, that he has information that  
there is to be a massing of union  
miners in Pana today or Sunday and  
that he is prepared for quelling any  
outbreaks that may occur. The guard  
made a number of arrests last night,  
but there was no serious trouble.

## Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr.  
John Oliver of Philadelphia was the  
subject, is narrated by him as follows:  
"I was in a most dreadful condition. My  
skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken,  
tongue coated, pain continually in back  
and sides, no appetite—gradually grow-  
ing weaker day by day. Three physi-  
cians had given me up. Fortunately a  
friend advised trying 'Foley's Kidney  
Cure' and to my great joy and surprise, the  
first bottle made a decided improve-  
ment. I continued their use for three  
weeks and am now a well man. I know  
they saved my life and robbed the grave  
of another victim." No one should fail  
to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle  
at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug  
Stores.

## For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says  
he had not spoken above a whisper for  
months, and one bottle of Foley's  
Honey and Tar restored his voice. Is  
used very largely by speakers and  
singers. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H.  
Hubbard.

The demand for playing cards in  
the United States is enormous, amount-  
ing to something like 10,000,000 packs  
per annum.

## For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich.,  
says: "I have used Foley's Honey and  
Tar in three very severe cases of pneu-  
monia the past month with good re-  
sults." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H.  
Hubbard.

Female fish of all species are con-  
siderably more numerous than males,  
with two exceptions—the angler and  
the catfish.

## No Humbug.

Foley's Honey and Tar does not claim  
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fort and relief in advanced stages of  
these diseases and to usually cure early  
stages. It is certainly worth trying by  
those afflicted or threatened with these  
dread diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L.  
Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

John H. Durr, a Champaign con-  
tractor, will move to Clinton.

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cretion. A nerve tonic and  
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the best work and service in the city. To gentlemen  
having nice linen, desiring superior finish, we offer  
them fine hand work, with an elegant domestic finish.  
This insures a perfect fit of shirts and is the only up-  
to-date finish.

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Now that the winter season is near at hand, with  
all its unpleasant features affecting the family wash-  
ing, we invite the ladies to send linen to our Laundry  
where our exceptional facilities for doing them nicely  
is unexcelled. Prices are reasonable, work elegant,  
with no damage or loss to goods. Ladies will find that  
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done at home. TRY US.

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<b>Tea Sets.</b> <b>Butter Forks.</b> <b>Lobster Forks.</b> <b>Oyster Forks.</b> <b>Ice Cream Sets.</b> <b>Berry Sets.</b> <b>Tomato Servers.</b> <b>Ple Knives.</b>	<b>Coffee Spoons.</b> <b>Salad Sets.</b> <b>Fish Sets.</b> <b>Berry Spoons.</b> <b>Chocolate Sets.</b> <b>Bon-Bon Dishes.</b> <b>Vegetable Forks.</b> <b>Cracker Scoops.</b> <b>Carving Sets.</b>
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After today write it 15099.  
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Happy New Year to everybody!  
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.  
The Decatur banks will be closed on Monday.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dtf  
Ex-Queen Natalie of Serbia is said to have the most beautiful teeth of any royal personage in the world.

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-dtf  
Tom Fields, the shiner, has gone to Kansas City.

Accidents come with distressing frequency on the farm. Cuts, bruises, stings, sprains. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil relieves the pain instantly. Never safe without it. Sold by all druggists.

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Pictures and Frames 15 cents and up. Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22-dlw

Cloyd, the People's Grocer, asks his many customers to remember that his store will not be open on Monday January 2. Leave your orders in time for delivery Saturday.—30-2b

The marriage of Miss Emily Willoughby and Louis Callison will occur at Macon on January 11.

"I had a running, itching sore on my leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's Ointment took away the burning and itching instantly, and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling Green, O. Sold by all druggists.

There will be communion and reception of members at the Congregational church on Sunday evening. Miss Lou Bear will sing a solo.

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### THE STAGE.

#### "WHY SMITH LEFT HOME."

The first presentation in this city of George H. Broadhurst's latest farce, "Why Smith Left Home," will occur at the Grand Theatre evening, January 3. The company engaged to illustrate the new farce is a good one and comprises the following clever people: Maelyn Arbuckle, M. B. Snyder, Fred W. Peters, Harry Webster, C. J. Williams, Marion Groux, Annie Yeomans, Blanche Chapman, Gertrude Roosevelt, Rose Snyder, Dorothy Usner and Jessie Conant.  
"Why Smith Left Home" is said to be one of the cleanest farces on the boards. It involves no shady characters, and its dramatic personae includes no invasions into questionable flats or off-color hotels, which of late years have furnished the reason for being in most farces.

#### THE MYSTERY OF L'HASSA.

Amongst the number of Hindoo illusions which Magician Keller will present during his engagement in this city, none are more mysterious than that which he calls "The Mystery of L'Hassa." He obtained the trick from an old priest in India, who had apparently learned some secrets of nature which other mortals were in ignorance of, for he seemed able to suspend the law of gravitation at will. Placing a plank horizontally, in the air, it remained there. Then, he made a few hypnotic passes over a young girl whom he produced in a most mysterious manner out of space, and placed her body upon the plank. With a polite "Sahib may now examine," he stepped aside and Keller tried his best to fathom the trick, but it was too subtle for even his master mind. He purchased it, however, and now includes it in his entertainments, reproducing it almost in the identical manner in which he first saw it in India. He will have a dozen full stage illusions and a feast of new small magic, for his audience, when he comes to this city. He will be at the Grand opera house Wednesday evening, January 4.

### What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more GRAIN-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their system. GRAIN-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like this coffee and is as good as coffee and as much. All grocers sell it, 15c and 25c.

## WOMAN'S CLUB

Has Received 75 New Members and Organized District Federation.

### THE NEW YEAR OPENS UP

With Interest—General Meeting on Jan. 5—District Federation Feb. 16.

There is no organization in the city that closes the year of 1933 with greater satisfaction in the work accomplished in the past 12 months than the Woman's club. It has flourished in all its branches and its work is marked with all the characteristics that belong to an organization that is an honor to its city, a benefit morally, physically and mentally to its members and an example to those who come in contact with its influences.

In the past year the club has added 75 new names to its membership list, 62 of these being added since September 1.

The district federation was organized in this city on February 23, 1933, with Mrs. Alice C. Wells of the Decatur club as president. No other organizations have been effected but the club has grown steadily in all its branches.

In speaking of the growth of the club since its organization, in a recent article published in the current number of the Club Life, Mrs. Ida W. Baker, the president, says:

"The club has been most fortunate in its selection of officers. Its presidents have received recognition as women of ability both at home and abroad. The founder and president of the club, Mrs. George D. Haworth (now a resident of Chicago) has been appointed to serve on the public library board of this city and elected as a member of the board of education. At a meeting of the state federation at Peoria she was elected treasurer and served two years. She also served as chairman of the credential committee at the meeting held at Jacksonville. Mrs. R. G. Wells, who was the third president of the club is the vice president of the 17th district federation of Woman's clubs. Mrs. George W. Bacon, who followed Mrs. Wells as president, has been highly appreciated by the club and the state and national federations.

Mrs. Minnie P. Hostetler, who was the presiding officer for two years has been honored with a position on the board of education. Mrs. M. T. Randall, who served as president for two years is greatly beloved and highly esteemed by the club members.

Mrs. Baker also speaks in high appreciation of the services of the gentlemen of our city who have contributed much to the club by lectures and talks.

The club has been further honored in the past year by the election of Mrs. Eugenia Bacon as state chairman of correspondence and chairman of the nominating board of the state federation, positions of high honor and responsibility.

Mrs. Minnie P. Hostetler, as a member of the board of education was prominent in the board meetings at the meeting of the Illinois Teachers' association at Springfield this week and her ability has been generally recognized in educational circles of the state.

The work of the different divisions of the club will be taken up in the coming week with a new vim and earnestness. The divisions will meet as follows:

Monday, January 2.—Sociosis, Mrs. W. F. Gillmore chairman. Subject, Ruskin, Biography, etc., Mrs. Amzi Baker, Mrs. Mary Robertson.

Tuesday, January 3.—Chautauqua division, Mrs. Keller chairman. Subject, "Twenty Centuries of English History," "Europe in the 19th Century."

Wednesday, January 4.—Psalmas division, Miss Anna Badenhausen chairman. Subject, Homer's "Odyssey." Current events.

Thursday, January 5.—Shakespeare division, Mrs. Minnie P. Hostetler chairman. Subject, "King John," act 4, iv. Parliamentary rules.

Friday, January 6.—Musical division.

#### GENERAL MEETING.

On Thursday, January 5, the general business meeting of the club will be held. The directory will meet at 1:30, the general meeting will be held at 2:30 and at 3 o'clock the Child Study division will entertain the general public with a program consisting of a paper on "A Mother's Duty to Herself," by Mrs. S. M. Lutz and songs, recitations and musical numbers by the children of the members of the divisions.

#### DISTRICT FEDERATION MEETING

On the third Thursday in January the first annual meeting of the district federation of woman's club will be held at the Woman's club rooms in this city. This meeting will be of particular interest. Philanthropy and Education will be the principal themes for discussion. Mrs. Bourland of Peoria, honorary president of the state federation, will be in attendance. Mrs. J. E. McDevell, prominent in the University Settlement

work of Chicago are expected to attend and give interesting talks. There will also be addresses by members of the local club.  
There are six clubs in the federation and each club is entitled to five delegates. Thus about 35 visitors are expected. They will be entertained by the members of the local club.  
The Musical Culture club and Art class of this city are also included.

### AMONG THE CHURCHES.

"At Home" at the M. E. Parsonage—Entertainments and Banquets.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First M. E. church held an informal "at home" at the parsonage with Miss Anne Shuler on Friday afternoon from 3 to 5. About 75 members of the congregation called during the afternoon. A chafing dish luncheon was served. The mite box stood open for contributions and the amount collected more than filled the deficit in the \$500 which the Ladies' Aid society pledged on the church debt.

#### C. E. BANQUET.

The second annual holiday banquet of the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church was held at the residence of Miss Nellie Pratt last evening. There were 75 guests in all, members of the society and their friends.

The banquet was served at 9:15. Following the banquet with S. E. Schminck as toastmaster, the following toasts were given:

"Our Guests, Fair and Strong," Miss Mae Bear; response, Mrs. G. R. Bacon.

"The Society's Album Unclasped and Looked at by an ex-Member of the Society," H. M. Scott; response by G. W. Battles.

"Prophecy of an Endeavorer's Heart and Brain," Arthur Lindsay; response by Miss Jennie Bishop.

Musical—Piano, Miss Frances Cako; vocal, Richard Glover.

"A College Day with a College Boy," Miss Lou Bear; response by J. A. Schminck.

"A College Day with a College Girl," H. C. Schaap; response by Miss Jeannette Drake.

#### YEAR PARTY.

A "Year Party" was given at the Christian tabernacle under the direction of Mrs. M. E. Calvin last evening. The months of the year and the seasons were impersonated by the members of the Ladies' Aid society. The entertainment was a social success. Those who assisted in the program were Mesdames Jennie Haws, Nettie Colby, Olive Warnick, Wilbur Humphrey, Laura W. Hall, Lenora Calvin, Helen B. Dick, Daisy Gray, Libbie Brubaker, Mary E. Lilly and Misses Louise Meritts, Fay Conover, Nona Mount, Elva Calvin, Florence Hatch, Bertha Roddy, Fleeta Emmert and Eva Humphrey.

Rev. M. B. Spayd will deliver an address at Faithful Lodge, I. O. G. T., in their meeting in the Gebhart block this evening.

There will be communion services and reception of members at the Congregational and First Presbyterian churches on Sunday morning.

#### UNION MISSION NOTES.

Santa Claus and a fine program Saturday evening. Reserved seats for the Mission school and their families, also for those who have opened their homes for our meetings; these are especially invited. Doors open at 6:45.

There are many last year's dolls, toys and picture books that have done their work and would still gladden the hearts in many less favored homes. The Mission tree on Saturday evening affords opportunity for the gladdening. All who wish to share in this leave your bundles at Riley & Mann's office over City Book store. Bundles of clothing, apparel for provisions or coal equally appreciated. They will reach the tree Saturday evening.

The coming annual report of the Mission will show a very large amount of work done among the worthy poor. The director of the spiritual work committee, E. S. Johnson, assisted by Father R. B. Rathford and Mrs. L. Chappelow, chairman of our rescue committee have done a most self-sacrificing work, both in the cottage meetings and in the jail services. One hundred and 20 cottage meetings, fifty jail services, besides the regular Sunday gospel meetings and Sunday school have been held. Hundreds have been helped to clothing and provision, through the donations of friends of the work.

#### National Council.

W. T. Sherman Council, No. 172, met on Tuesday evening and the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:

President—G. B. Ashton.  
Vice President—T. R. Cooper.  
Ex-President—F. C. Rike.  
Speaker—J. S. Shoemaker.  
Secretary—C. T. Pope.  
Treasurer—Guy P. Lewis.  
Chaplain—E. E. Battz.  
Usher—Eugene Heald.  
Sergeant—Robert F. Humble.  
Doorkeeper—C. S. Needham.  
Trustees—L. E. Foster, W. R. Buckmaster, W. B. Brosie.  
Deputy—Samuel Hoover.  
Medical Examiner—Dr. J. H. Eddy.

## ROOMS

Mar. 6—At Cedar Rapids, kills Libbie Brauchard.  
28—Paint Rock, Tex., Lee doted.  
Apr. 7—In Milwaukee wife and self.  
3—Near Monroe, be Moved from  
Columbia Block.

### BUILDING ON EAST MAIN

May be Chosen as the Location for the Association Apartments—Extra Cost the Only Obstacle.

It is quite likely that the Y. M. C. A. will move from the present quarters in the Columbia block. The lease on the rooms will soon run out and there is serious talk of securing larger quarters. The place now in view is the second story of the building on East Main street. There are a number of rooms which were recently vacated by the law firm of Lofgreen & Lee and Attorney David Hatchinson. The idea is to have these rooms remodeled to fit the needs of the association and to erect at the rear of the building an addition in which would be located the gymnasium. It is thought that the location on East Main street will be more central and much more convenient.

The only question which now confronts the association is whether or not the increase in rent can be afforded, but as the membership has been increased and the association is on the upward move the best is hoped for. The matter will be thoroughly considered and when the board meets on January 12 the question of moving will be finally settled.

### WILL GO ON THE ROAD.

**Alderman H. C. Anthony Will Travel for New York House.**

Alderman H. C. Anthony is home from a business visit in the east. He has signed a contract to travel for the Thompson Glove Fitting Corset Co. of New York city. He expects to enter upon his new duties January 20 or as soon as he can dispose of his stock of dry goods on East Main street. He will continue to make Decatur his home.

Mr. Anthony is not inexperienced as a traveling salesman as he was on the road for the Warner Corset Co. before embarking in business in Decatur. Mr. Anthony has been a good citizen, a successful business man and has conducted himself creditably in the city council as alderman from the Second ward. The fact that he and his family will continue to make Decatur their home is gratifying to their many friends. Mr. Anthony will travel over the territory of Mississippi, Kansas and Nebraska. He expects to be able to attend the council meetings and be home sufficiently to look after his duties as alderman.

### FREE FROM DEBT.

**Cumberland Presbyterian Church Starts on the New Year With \$100 in the Treasury.**

At the annual business meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian congregation the reports showed that the church is free from incumbrances and will begin the new year with over \$100 in the treasury.

Rev. A. W. Hawkins will continue in the pastorate of the church, the congregation being greatly pleased with his successful efforts in erecting the beautiful church and through the aid of the building committee, freeing it from debt.

The officers of the Sunday school for the coming year were chosen as follows:

Superintendent—William Vaughn  
First Assistant—C. M. Goltra  
Second Assistant—Leslie Birch  
Secretary—Miss Myrtle Rhinledge  
Treasurer—Dr. M. V. Loneragan  
Christian—Charles R. Rorl  
Organist—Mrs. Lura Fife.  
Miss Ethel Ashmore was selected as the church pianist.

Mrs. Logan has been hired to conduct the music in the church for the coming year.

The official board of the church is composed of Rev. A. W. Hawkins, moderator, Dr. M. V. Loneragan, secretary, W. H. Cox treasurer, B. G. Henry and W. H. Vaughn.

#### Five Per Cent Money.

We have on hand a special fund to loan on first class real estate security at 5 per cent interest. Call at our Peddycord, Burrows & Co.—31-dtf

#### Postmaster.

H. M. Kirkman has been appointed postmaster at Kiskadee in Monticue county, vice Andrew Luby, resigned.

#### Grip at Maroa.

There is quite an epidemic of grip at Maroa. Thirty cases are now reported to exist at that place.

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When the presumptive system of  
segregate confinement enforced at the  
Eastern penitentiary aroused the in-  
dignation of Charles Dickens and his  
trenchant pen gave expression to his  
horror of such punishment, the institu-  
tion on Fairmount avenue was given a  
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Since the great novelist wrote in terms  
so severe of solitary imprisonment the  
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of the prison here have refuted in the  
main the strictures passed upon the  
Eastern penitentiary. Penologists have  
given their testimony in favor of the  
system which Dickens condemned, and  
solitary confinement is in vogue in  
many of the penitentiaries of the coun-  
try. If enforced to the letter and a  
man was compelled to sit within a nar-  
row cell day after day with nothing but  
his own thoughts to occupy his mind,  
then, indeed, solitary confinement  
would be a barbarity that would shame  
civilization and humanity. Madness  
and death could only result in the ma-  
jority of cases.  
But when the convicted man stands  
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ment and listens to the words "solitary  
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by the merciful provision that his lone-  
liness shall be relieved by "hard labor."  
Too, the crowded condition of  
the Eastern penitentiary requires that  
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If a man has the company of his  
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Throughout the day no man dare speak  
a fellow save of necessity or by  
order. To a man who has yielded to  
temptation and fallen from an honor-  
able place in society the need of human  
sympathy, the sound of a kindly voice,  
a friendly ear into which to pour the  
disturbing surgings of his mind is most  
necessary, and must make this imposed  
silence terrible to bear.  
The prison authorities recognize the  
severity of the punishment of these  
long brooding hours and the mental  
strain imposed on the convict. Many in  
passing the penitentiary in the early  
hours of the evening must have been  
startled by the cries and tumult echo-  
ing from behind its stone walls, and  
wondered as they hurried by if a bloody  
revolt was going on within. A revolt  
it is, indeed, that nightly takes place,  
but it is the revolt of overburdened  
hearts, of anguished souls, and black,  
evil minds against the silence they have  
writhed under during the day. From  
six o'clock until nine each night the  
ban of silence is raised, and the inmates  
of the prison are free to give vent to the  
tumult of their minds.  
Looked there in their cells the great  
majority of the prisoners await eagerly  
the hour of six. At the given time  
pandemonium breaks loose. The cor-  
ridors echo and reecho to the yells,  
shrieks and songs of the miserable,  
engaged men. Many of them have musical  
instruments, and these add their vol-  
ume to the general discord. For three  
hours the din continues, but on the  
stroke of nine the electric lights in the  
cells go out, silence once more broods  
over the gloomy place, and fortunate  
the man who finds freedom in sleep.—  
Philadelphia Telegraph.

**URBAN TENDENCY OF JEWS.**  
A Marked Characteristic of the Race  
Is Dislike for Manual  
Labor.  
The peculiar problems of Jew dis-  
tribution are only half realized until it  
is understood that, always and every-  
where, the Israelites constitute preemi-  
nently the town populations. They are  
not widely disseminated among the  
agricultural districts, but congregate in  
the commercial centers. It is an un-  
alterable characteristic of this peculiar  
people. The Jew betrays an inherent  
dislike for hard manual or outdoor la-  
bor, as for physical exercise or exertion  
in any form. He prefers to live by  
brain, not brawn. Leroy-Beauchamp  
seems to consider this as an acquired  
characteristic due to medieval prohibi-  
tion of land ownership or to confine-  
ment within the ghetto. To us it ap-  
pears to be too constant a trait the world  
over to justify such a hypothesis. Fully  
to appreciate, therefore, what the  
Jewish question is in Polish Russia, we  
must always bear this fact in mind.  
The result is that in many parts of Po-  
land the Jews form an actual majority  
of the population in the towns. This is  
the danger for Germany also. Thus it  
is Berlin, not Prussia at large, which  
is threatened with an overload of Jews  
from the country on the east. This ag-  
gregation in urban centers becomes the  
more marked as the relative frequency  
for the whole country lessens.—Prof.  
William Z. Ripley, in Appleton's Popu-  
lar Science Monthly.

**How a Frog Hibernates.**  
According to Simon Henry Sage, the  
frog does not hibernate in leaves or the  
trunks of trees, but in a dry hole in the  
ground not likely to freeze. He  
scratches the hole with his hind feet,  
and enters backward. Once inside, there  
is apparently no trace of the fact out-  
side. Frogs found under frozen leaves  
are still able to move about. Mr. Sage  
has found hibernating frogs with their  
extremities and skin frozen, but their  
vital organs were still intact, and they  
recovered their activity on being liber-  
ated.—London Globe.

**Effect of Leveling Mountains.**  
If all the mountains in the world  
were leveled, the average height of the  
land would rise 250 feet.—Chicago Inter-  
Ocean.

The average height of clouds is  
rather over a mile.  
The man who first made steel pens  
got \$1 apiece for them.  
Two Well-Known Statesmen  
tailed for months from a front porch  
and rear end of a car. They were the  
use of Polk's Honey and Talcum. They  
why they could do this is explained  
by their vocal organs  
used by speakers and  
Bell, N. L. Krone, W.

Company in England  
Order for Uncl  
LONDON, January 3.—The  
announced that the Kynoch company at  
Birmingham has commenced making  
10,000,000 cartridges for the United  
States, at the rate of 1,000,000 weekly.  
The American inspectors examine the  
work and are profiting by the war ex-  
periences. Special metal is used to  
prevent the cases from jamming in the  
barrels. It was announced in a  
dispatch from London August 10 last  
that the Kynoch company had received  
an order from the United States for  
10,000,000 cartridges.

**STRIKE AVERTED**  
Demand for \$2.50 a Day at Cleveland,  
Ohio, Conceded.  
CLEVELAND, January 3.—Eight  
of the fifteen foundries of Cleveland  
have conceded the demand of the  
coremakers for wages at the rate of  
\$2.50 per day. The general strike of  
coremakers which was scheduled to  
begin today therefore did not begin.  
Officials of the coremakers organiza-  
tion state that the remaining seven  
foundries are willing to compromise,  
but anything below minimum rate of  
\$2.50 will not be accepted by the men.

**FREE CUBA**  
Cubans Still Under Arms Waiting for  
Pay for "Patriotism."  
HAVANA, January 3.—The contin-  
uance of the Cubans in arms is the  
most puzzling question connected with  
the administration of the island.  
Negotiations for the payment of the  
soldiers are to be conducted from

...ing their men closely together  
and under discipline. General Davis,  
military governor of the department  
of Pinar del Rio, has gone into the  
matter fully with General Mario  
Menocal and other Cuban commanders.  
They say that they expect the United  
States to pay them and will not dis-  
band until they get an answer.  
The majority of the military ob-  
servers here seem to think that prob-  
ably an easier way out is to make pay-  
ment, taking a mortgage on the rev-  
enues of Cuba to form bonds. There  
are probably 35,000 men able to work  
but who are now sponging on their  
country. If paid off on condition that  
their arms were surrendered they  
would have no excuse for not work-  
ing. The United States military  
authorities do not look with favor  
upon the notion of forcible disarmament.  
There were 13 vessels in Havana  
harbor yesterday unloading and the  
customs entries for the first day fig-  
ured out about \$42,000, the receipts in cash  
being \$15,231. This is at the rate of  
\$13,000,000 a year, the best Spanish  
record having been \$8,000,000. The  
first day's receipts are presumably  
heavier than they will be later.

**At College Street Chapel.**  
The first of the series of meetings  
which will be held at the College  
street chapel this week in observance  
of the week of prayer will be held at  
7:30 this evening. Rev. Penhallegon  
will talk on "The Church Universal."  
On Wednesday evening special services  
will be held at the First Presbyterian  
church, the subject to be "Prayer for  
all Nations and Their Rulers." On  
Thursday evening Rev. Penhallegon  
will talk at College street chapel on  
"Home and Foreign Missions," and  
on Friday evening on "Families and  
Homes."  
Blind people are more numerous in  
Spain than in any other country.

The ingenious woman can make her-  
self any number of pretty and becom-  
ing things for her neck, and the num-  
ber of pretty new things is increasing.  
The affinity which fur and lace have  
for each other this year is manifesting  
itself in pretty soft scarfs and bows.  
A charming and becoming bow can be  
made from a bit of lace, a little chiffon  
and narrow strips of sable. A little real  
lace, if one has it, or pretty lace of any  
kind will do, for a couple of bows or  
ends and more bows and ends of chif-  
fon, the ends ruffled and edged with  
bebe ribbon, and above the ruffle the  
narrow bands of sable about half an  
inch wide. Or a scarf of some of the  
thin, soft materials can be tucked and  
ruffled, and bands of the fur run on  
across.  
The woman who wishes her blouse  
waist to lie smoothly across the shoul-  
der puts a bit of stiffening down the  
shoulder seam. Some of the manufac-  
tured so-called "bones" are excellent  
for this purpose. They are firm but  
pliable. No matter how well a gar-  
ment is cut, if it is not tight-fitting or  
with a tight-fitting lining it is not pos-  
sible to make that shoulder seam lie  
straight without some assistance, and  
this the soft "bone" gives.  
The woman of moderate means  
thinks usually that the game is not  
worth the candle in wearing white  
gloves, but the excellent effect they  
give when kept in good condition is  
really worth a great deal of trouble.  
White gloves are to be worn for every-  
thing this year. Chamois gloves are  
to be worn for ordinary street wear,  
white glace gloves, with black stitching,  
for handsome street costumes,  
and white glace or undressed kid for  
evening. There will be some women  
who will wear the pale tans and grays  
to match the cloths of those shades,  
which are so popular this year. But  
there is nothing prettier than a  
reasonably clean white glove. It gives  
a trim effect to a woman's whole  
costume. It is really worth while to buy  
hand forms, and with a good cleaning  
substance and a fine flannel a glace  
glove can have the spots removed each  
time the gloves are worn. Chamois  
gloves are not as cheap as many people  
think, nor easy to keep clean, but, to  
speak of their good qualities, they are  
not as clumsy now as they have been,  
and the hand looks very well in them.  
The first cost of the chamois glove is  
inconsiderable, but it must soon be  
washed, and it pulls and needs mend-  
ing, and with the best of care it is not  
long before it is past mending. But it  
can be kept clean, and by washing in  
naphtha and taking pains it is a glove  
that is worth while.—Detroit Free  
Press.

**NOT UP TO THE SOCIAL CODE.**  
One Father Who Didn't Know How  
to Treat a Prospective  
Son-in-Law.  
For years this man was a rough west-  
erner, toiling with brain and muscles  
for a fortune. He made a big one, and  
after he had shown his family all the  
principal cities of the country, they de-  
cided to settle in Detroit. His children  
are highly educated and of fine social  
standing, but his ways and ideas were  
fixed when he settled down to a ques-  
tionable enjoyment of his remaining  
years.  
He has a way of referring every-  
thing perplexing to his lawyer, whom  
he hires by the year, so that there may  
be no misunderstanding as to items.  
The other day the old gentleman se-  
cured an audience with his legal ad-  
viser, and began business at once.  
"What kind of a feller is that young  
Blank?" he inquired. "Kind of a  
durned fool ain't he?"  
"He's regarded as one of our most  
exemplary and promising young men.  
I know him well, and he'll succeed."  
"Well, I hope so, but I tell you he  
ain't got the sand. He's been shinin'  
round the oldest gal of mine, and the  
other day he kin speakin' inter my  
private ear, made a fine speech tellin'  
me how he loved her and askin' me  
could he have her. I told him mighty  
quick to do his own courtin', and that  
if he was too daggone skinned to ask  
her he needn't look to me to pull his  
chestnuts outen the fire. What he  
thanked me fur I ain't figur'd out yet.  
Next day she showed me a big diamond  
ring on her finger, she said he give her,  
an' told as how they were engaged.  
Then I looked up 'nother missus. If she  
wants diamonds I'm a durned sight  
abler to buy 'em 'an he is. When I told  
her to send it back and behave herself,  
her and the old lady stampeded and I  
ain't been able to 'round 'em no how.  
Now, how is it?"  
After the lawyer had drawn on his  
social code for the benefit of his client,  
the latter swore a paragraph or two at  
himself and went out to look for a nice  
little home he could buy for "that feller  
Blank and the gal."—Detroit Free  
Press.

**MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE.**  
ST. PAUL, MINN., January 3.—  
The two houses of the legislature was  
organized today with the full list of  
officers chosen at last night's Republi-  
can caucus. Governor Lind will be  
inaugurated at noon tomorrow.  
Tonight is the regular meeting of  
Deatur Lodge, No. 65, I. O. O. F.,  
at their hall, corner of Main and Will-  
iam streets, at 7:30.  
Mrs. R. G. Wells will lead the  
prayer meeting services at the West-  
minster chapel this evening.  
—Col. L. Bohlett of Cincinnati was  
the guest of Deatur friends yesterday  
and today.  
—Sullivan Burgess is on the sick  
list.  
—Mrs. M. F. Metz, who has been  
visiting friends at Springfield, has re-  
turned home.  
—Bert Bivans, who has been in the  
city visiting friends during the holi-  
days, returned today to Chicago and  
from there he will go to Cedar Falls,  
Iowa, where he is employed by the  
Deering Manufacturing company.  
"Little Colds" neglected—thous-  
ands of lives sacrificed every year.  
Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures  
little colds—cures big colds, too, down  
to the very verge of consumption.  
Sold by all druggists.  
Paul Perry, of Columbus, Ga., suf-  
fered agony for thirty years, and then  
cured his Piles by using Dr. Witt's  
Witch Hazel Salve. It heals injuries  
and skin diseases like magic. H. W.  
Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East  
End Drug Store.  
There are three faithful friends—an  
old wife, an old dog, and ready money  
—Franklin.

...the celebration and help  
...for his friend's  
...Then came the packing  
...and, after the packing  
...the traps sent off a wall of  
...up from the major. He had  
...helmet box without pre-  
...small friend with any ration  
...long journey. His brother  
...that he was tremendously out  
...his negligence and refused to  
...into cheerfulness.  
"It's the first time I ever  
...on a friend," said the major.  
...When he reached London  
...telegram to his fiancée, but  
...thing he did was to open  
...box in order to view the  
...commode. To his astonishment  
...found the helmet occupied by  
...spider and the spider was  
...acquired from the spider  
...filing from the spider  
...family now has  
...home, and when a  
...gallant major was married, one  
...bride's most valued presents  
...superbly jeweled spider in the  
...a porte bonheur, and now the  
...of any London jeweler is en-  
...sure a fly into acute convul-  
...Y. Sun.

**MODEST YOUNG ARTIST.**  
Some Chicago Boys Who Have  
Only But Try to Avoid  
Publicity.  
There is a small body of men  
in Chicago who have lately  
noticed at the Art Institute  
an exhibition of the work of  
young artists, and the old  
14 and the young are not yet  
old. They are interested in  
which they see the Michael  
Artists' work. They are obtain-  
ing a good deal of pleasure  
evening at the Art Institute  
members of the  
they may, with  
edge of one who  
tion in the art  
foreigners and come  
well street district. The  
the eldest and his is the only  
the boys care to give. He is  
ley and works down-town all  
a shop. Some of the work done  
boys has met with high praise  
Director French and others.  
originality of method as well  
as the work itself.  
They gather up the lids of  
of all sizes and fill them with  
ter, and while it is still soft  
ful designs on it with a knife.  
When it has hardened it is  
vanished and presents a  
appearance. Some of the  
is put on wood. One wooden  
a cross between the Great  
monumental, with something  
ly new lines between. A  
Dewey on an American  
executed and highly  
The boys one day  
French and asked to have  
work put in case in the  
that they could bring  
and friends to see it.  
really compiled, setting  
perfection, in the place  
boys are very reticent  
selves. They talk very  
cerning the way they  
and how some of the  
original while other  
from magazines, but  
themselves and  
live.—Chicago Chronicle.

**An Incident.**  
The following  
your readers: I  
from the Lachar  
from 1897 to 1898,  
who held horses  
for sale a distance  
bourne man, who  
bourne by sea,  
five or six days  
hours he was in a  
outside the city. Three days  
he was missing. A fortnight  
appeared on his old station,  
from Melbourne as the crowd  
don Special.

**Tailor-Made Dismal.**  
hunters around  
Native—New  
round here  
full of 'em.  
Mr. Figg—  
have again  
Tommy  
me?—Indiana

**Exciting the Law.**  
It never kills a law to execute it.  
—Chicago Daily News.

The Japanese are said to be the  
cleanest people in the world.

La Grippe is again epidemic. Ever-  
precaution should be taken to avoid  
its specific cure is One Minute  
Cure. A. J. Sheperd, publisher  
cultural Journal and Advertiser.  
Mo. says: "No one will be di-  
in using One Minute Cure."  
La Grippe. It is a  
act. H. V.  
Shilling.



# CLOSED!

## AND WILL STAY CLOSED TWO DAYS,

In order to MARK DOWN our entire stock of Winter Goods and Suits for Children, Boys and Men. All our Underwear, Gloves, Neckwear--in fact all our stock. We must have the large Spring Stock which we have bought.

The People of Decatur Know what  
we gave them Last Year at our  
Mark Down Sale.

It was no humbug. We don't give prices, but come and see for yourself, if you don't buy it won't be our fault. Our prices will speak for themselves. You remember what a rush we had last year. No Goods Held Back.

Our entire stock must be sold, and you all know what kind of goods Cheap Charley has. We carry the best that money will buy, and for style and fit we take the lead. This is no sale---THIS IS THE FEAST---SO COME TO THE FEAST. We will stay closed for two days,

## TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY,

January 3 and 4. No goods will be sold while we are closed, but when we open January 5th look for Bargains.

# CHEAP CHARLEY



Notice is hereby given that  
January 2, 1899, I shall make a  
City Council for a license to  
building situated on Lot 8, E  
Addition to the

**SAFETY DEPOSIT**  
Private key, in OUR  
**PROOF VAULT, Free**  
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Charge.

can be had  
P. A., Ill.

Floor.



# New Year AND Wedding Presents...

We wish to thank our patrons, one and all, for their liberal patronage during the holiday season, and while we have enjoyed an unprecedented holiday trade we wish to call attention especially to those contemplating New Year and Wedding Presents that we have not been slow in replenishing our stock. We now have on sale a very complete line of Solid Silverware.

Tea Sets.  
Salad Forks.  
Butter Spreaders.  
Lobster Forks.  
Oyster Forks.  
Ice Cream Sets.  
Berry Sets.  
Tomato Servers.  
Dinner Knives.

Coffee Spoons.  
Salad Sets.  
Fish Sets.  
Berry Spoons.  
Chocolate Sets.  
Bon-Bon Dishes.  
Vegetable Forks.  
Cracker Scoops.  
Carving Sets.

Red Oyster Servers.  
Sets of Silverware.  
Jams and Sugars.

Pearl Dinner Knives.  
Pierced Silver Fruit Bowls.  
Oyster and Soup Ladles.

## RANK CURTIS,

Successor to OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

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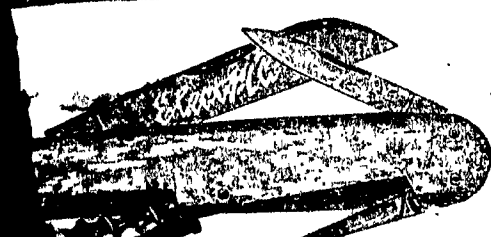
## Best Line of Men's Shoes

Made to Retail at \$3.50



The best of everything enters into the manufacture of this line. Upper Stock Sole Leather, Lining, all the best. No better shoe can be made at any price. Great variety Enamel Calf, Black Vici (lined) Lustral Calf, Winter Tans, Heavy Light Soles, all \$3.50

F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,  
148 EAST MAIN STREET.



It is an easy matter to buy a pocket knife, and if you want one that is really VERY fine we see our line. We have the best that money can buy. The proper quality for presentation purposes is the proper quality for presentation purposes. If you find you are mistaken please return for a new one or your money back.

Handsome leather pocket cases.

TUR GUN CO.

## HOT WATER BOTTLES

Two Quarts, 65c  
Three Quarts, 70c  
Four Quarts, 75c

GUARANTEED.

WEST'S DRUG STORE,  
Lincoln Square.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 1st delivery. Cab, 25c.  
Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar  
Pictures and Frames at Melchers' Art Store south of the Postoffice.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dtf

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-dtf

The Sunday School Primary Teachers' union will meet on Wednesday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. A. W. Hawkins will talk on the lesson. Everyone is urged to be present.

Fine candies at Glossner's, 148 East Prairie.

Do you want plastering done? If so telephone 1432, old phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—6-dtf

Regular monthly meeting of the Decatur Charity Board to be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. E. King, 719 North Main street. A large attendance is desired.

Regular meeting of W. C. T. U. Thursday at 2:30 p. m. Miss M. E. Crissey will give reminiscences of the late national W. C. T. U. convention; reports, and a short program for mothers' day by Mrs. Flora Bivans.

## La Grippe Successfully Treated.

"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. James A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexico, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting 'down.'" For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

## WEDDINGS.

Young People Begin the New Year with Hymeneal Resolutions.

Miss Viola Johnson of this city and Fred Beck of Springfield were married last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steward of 412 East Bradford street by the Rev. J. H. McDonald of Springfield. About 40 guests, including Mrs. A. Conolly, mother of the groom, and Mrs. Jones of Springfield, witnessed the ceremony.

The groom is connected with the Enterprise of Springfield, a newspaper published by a colored society of that city. The bride has for several years made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Steward in this city.

## LOCK-PAYNE.

William E. Lock and Miss Kathleen Payne were married at the U. B. parsonage by Rev. M. B. Spayd at 1 o'clock on Sunday. They are residents of this city. The groom is employed in the mines.

## SIMPSON-BUFFON.

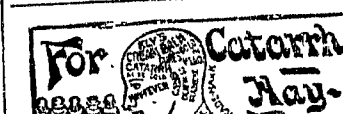
Miss Clara Buffon and Edward Simpson were married at the residence of Rev. Father Murphy on Sunday evening. Father Murphy officiating.

## Coughing

Constant coughing is very annoying, and the continuous hacking and irritation will soon attack and injure the delicate lining of the throat and air passages. Take advice and use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in time. This wonderful remedy will cure you.

## Dr. Bull's COUGH SYRUP

Cures a Cough or Cold at once. Does not irritate. Price 25 cts. At all druggists.



Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a positive cure. Apply into the nostrils. It is quickly absorbed. 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; samples 10c. by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 60 Warren St., New York City.

## Two Games at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms.

## REGULAR TEAM VICTORIOUS.

In a Game With a Scrub Team—High School Boys Defeated by Association—Athletic Exhibition.

A basket ball game was played Monday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, but there was only a small attendance. The contest was between the regular association team and a team of picked players. A week ago a game was played and the score was so close it was decided to play again. In the game of yesterday the regular team defeated the picked team by a score of 23 to 6. At the end of the first half the score was 9 to 4 in favor of the regulars. At the close of the game the regulars had run their score up to 23 and the scrubs had scored 6 points altogether. Ralph Mills was referee, Secretary Patterson timekeeper and Dick Ellis was umpire. The lineup was as follows:

Regulars.—White left forward, Lannum right forward, Williams center, Johnson left guard, Barr right guard. Scrubs.—Patterson left forward, Spies right forward, Pitner center, Hotelling left guard, Pennington right guard.

Another Game. In the evening there was another game between the High school team and the second Y. M. C. A. team. The score was 9 to 6 in favor of the Y. M. C. A. The line up was as follows:

Y. M. C. A.—Howenstone left forward, Covington right forward, Hoffman center, Spies left guard, Erwin right guard. High School.—Lindsay left forward, Kollar right forward, Leonard center, Prater left guard, Grout right guard. Scorekeeper, J. H. Latham; umpire, Williams; referee, Hotelling.

Before the game there was an athletic exhibition consisting of jumping, horizontal bar work and other feats.

## THE STAGE.

### COMEDY TONIGHT.

Broadhurst's extraordinary farce, "Why Smith Left Home," with the following capable comedians, Maelyn Arbuckle, Fred W. Peters, Harry Webster, C. J. Williams, Marion Giroux, Blanche Chapman, Gertrude Roosevelt, Rose Snyder, Dorothy Usner and Jessie Conant, will be the attraction at the Grand tonight. The attraction at the Grand tonight, "Why Smith Left Home," suggests at once that it concerns the doings of the Smith family. This particular Smith "is a widower who has married a charming young wife half his age, and decides to spend his honeymoon at home. Members of both families suddenly appear to see how they are getting on, and among them are several who come only to make life a burden to Mr. Smith. He has a maiden sister and Mrs. Smith has an aunt of the mother-in-law stripe, who start in to run the house. KELLAR'S MODERN MIRACLES.

Kellar, the great magician who will be at the Grand Wednesday night, has proven the sensation of the amusement season on the Pacific coast. Almont reason on the Pacific coast. Almont though he had never visited the larger cities there, or any part of the coast prior to that matter, yet his fame had preceded him and at the Columbia theatre in San Francisco he was the popular drawing card of the city during his two weeks' run. His work is upon entirely different lines from that followed by the so-called magicians who had preceded him. He deals but with sleight of hand tricks, or little magic, although he is an adept at the art. He prefers, on the other hand, to afford his audience a glimpse of the marvelous work of the famed Mahatmas of India, whose illusions are said to almost approach the supernatural, and to see Kellar is equal to a visit to India, in this regard at least, for all of the greatest of the work of the Mahatmas is reproduced by him.

## BITTEN BY A DOG.

Mrs. James McKinley Received a Painful Wound Yesterday.

Mrs. James McKinley was bitten by a dog yesterday afternoon. The animal buried its teeth in the woman's shoulder and inflicted a painful wound. Dr. B. F. Slesinger rendered medical attention. It cannot yet be ascertained whether or not the wound will prove serious.

## Missionary Extension Lectures.

The first of the series of the Missionary extension lectures, which will be given in Decatur this winter under the auspices of the Mason County Christian Endeavor union, will be given some time this month, presumably near the close. The second will follow in February and the third in March. Just who will deliver the lectures is not yet known, the subject being in the hands of the student committee, of which Miss Anna B. Riverside, Ill., is chairman.

noted missionary lecturer who was connected with the state work for some time will be one of the speakers and Ayers, who has long devoted his time to this work, will be another. The lectures are given for the purpose of stimulating missionary zeal in the missionary committees of the different societies and to exert efforts to organize missionary committees where none exist.

## DEATH RECORD.

### LESTER WEATHERFORD.

Lester, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weatherford, died Sunday, January 1, at the family residence three miles west of Boody, aged seven years. Death was caused by lung fever. The funeral was held at 11 o'clock this forenoon from the Boody church, Rev. W. L. Bankson officiating. The interment was at Salem cemetery.

### ALBERT HOUSEMAN.

Albert Houseman, son of John Houseman of Moweaqua, died on Saturday evening, December 31, aged nine years and four months. The child met with an accident while skating just a week before his death. The funeral was held Monday and the burial was at Niantic.

### With the Sick.

Mrs. M. Einstein of West Main street is seriously ill with the grip. John W. Graham, who is confined to his home on West Main street, is again worse.

Mrs. Williamson, wife of Officer John Williamson, is ill of the grip and threatened with typhoid fever.

Miss Della Owen, stenographer for Chief Clerk Melton of Superintendent Garrett's office, is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Simpson is sick with the grip at the home of S. A. Waddell of South Webster street.

Mrs. Charles Logan is ill.

Michael Einstein of the Ottenheimer Clothing store fell from his bicycle in front of the store on Sunday and so, severely sprained his ankle. He has also suffered from several bruises and a wrenching of his side. He is at his place of business today, but is feeling much the worse for his experience.

### Travelling Men's Minstrels.

It is now thought that the date for the minstrel performance which will be given by Post K. T. P. A., will be set for the Friday following March 22. Washington's birthday was originally agreed upon as the date, but it will not be possible to get the members of the post in town in the middle of the week. At the next regular meeting, which occurs on Saturday, January 14, the final arrangements will be made. The minstrels of last spring were a decidedly pleasing performance and this one is promised to surpass the former effort. Some unusual specialties are said to be in course of preparation.

### Smith Discharged.

William Smith, who was arrested Sunday for beating his wife, was before Justice Hardy yesterday afternoon. His wife, however, who had the warrant sworn out against him, did not appear to prosecute so the man was discharged. Such is generally the case when husbands are arrested on warrants sworn out by their wives.

### Another Position.

Miss Mattie Randall, who was connected with Anthony's store, has taken a position with the Linn & Scruggs Dry Goods and Carpet Co. Miss Randall has been in Anthony's store for the past four years and changes her position on account of the fact that the place has been sold.

### Gave a Party.

Last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Langford, No. 252 East Marietta street, a party was given in honor of Mr. Langford's birthday. There were present about 20 guests who passed a pleasant evening. An oyster supper was served during the evening.

### Volunteer Firemen.

The members of the Volunteer Firemen's association will hold a meeting this evening at the office of Coroner Bendure in the court house. Officers are to be elected and other business of importance will be transacted.

### Notice.

I will be at my old place of business on East Main street all this week. Persons whom I owe will please present their bills. Persons owing me will please call and settle. H. C. Anthony.—2-d2t

### The First Ice.

On Monday Butzbach, the ice man, cut ice on his pond near the river. It was the first ice cut in Decatur this season and was seven inches thick.

### City Council.

The regular meeting of the city council will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock, having been postponed from last night. It is the first meeting of the month and there will be some reports, but there will probably not be a great amount of business.

### Skating Again.

Yesterday there was quite a crowd skating on the bayous of the river. The river proper is frozen over but the ice is not sufficiently strong for skating.

### THAT EXPLOSION

Was Nothing More Than a New Year's Celebration.

The explosion which was heard on Sunday evening and which mystified everyone on Monday developed to be nothing more than a New Year's celebration. A party of colored men secured a stick of dynamite and set it off in the west part of the city. Everyone was asking about the explosion yesterday, but no one knew just what caused it.

### ROYAL BAKING POWDER

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